

Final Evaluation Form for Group Funded by the Secretary of State

1. Name of your organization: Kaslo Women's Group  
Address of your organization: General Delivery  
Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0
2. Objectives of your organization: To provide information and support to women in our area regarding women's issues
3. What geographic area does your organization serve? Kaslo and District
4. How many people does your organization serve? Theoretically, the entire village of Kaslo: 7-800 people. Realistically, 100 people.
5. When was your organization started? 1-3 years ago
6. Name of the project: Kaslo Women's Centre
7. Summary description of the project: This centre was able to maintain regular weekly open meeting for all women interested. Information was gathered and compiled for easy access. Workshops and prepared presentations made new areas of skill and knowledge available. The members gained insight into community inner political works and group dynamics. The centre was open three days a week during the summer months for the public.
8. Dates:
  - a. When was the project started? Spring 1976
  - b. When did you apply for a Secretary of State grant? Fall 1976
  - c. What time period did the grant cover?
    - i. From September 1976 to September 1977
9. How much money did you receive from the Secretary of State?
  - a. \$1380
  - b. What were the total expenditures for the project during the period covered by the Secretary of State grant?
    - i. \$1671.04
10. How many staff worked on the project?
  - a. 23 Volunteers, 8 part-time and 1 full-time
11. How many people were affected by the project? 51-100
12. Do you intend to continue this project? Yes
  - a. If yes, from where are you seeking further funds? Group fund-raising, continued Secretary of State support, membership fees.
13. Budget: (For the period covered by the Secretary of State project)
  - a. Expenditures:
    - i. Salaries- \$300
    - ii. Honoraria- Workshops- \$34
    - iii. Travel and Telephone- \$35.62
    - iv. Facilities (rent, heat, light, etc.)-\$1032.32
    - v. Materials- \$45.89

- vi. Publicity- \$53.53
  - vii. BCFW fees- \$41.90
  - viii. Other: filing cabinet-\$55.83
- Books and films- \$71.95
- Total: 1671.04

b. Revenue:

- i. Resources of your own organization: \$291.04
  - ii. Private donations: 2 months' rent, loan repaid
  - iii. Donations for other organizations: Nil
  - iv. Municipal government: Nil
  - v. Provincial government: Secretary of State: \$1380
  - vi. Federal government: Nil
- Total: \$1671.04

14. What were the essential activities of the project?

The centre developed this structure for meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month-speaker or film, 2<sup>nd</sup> week-consciousness-raising topics, 3<sup>rd</sup> week-working paper by members, 4<sup>th</sup> week-literary discussion of book read by all (as planned at end of previous month).

Topics covered (from minutes taken): Marriage laws, birth control, women in advertising, working women, having children or not, feasibility study for childcare center in Kaslo, history of women's movement, alcoholism, first aid workshop, abortion survey, meditation, sexism in schools, women living alone, China-current talk and slides, women and fathers, anatomy report, friendship between women, massage, childbirth—home vs. hospital, plant workshop, high school career guidance program, wife beating, rape, self-defense.

We conducted three fundraising projects in this time period.

We compiled a local list of available babysitters.

We saw numerous films.

We conducted a May Day activity for children; (a bake contest) and made a very nice float for the May Day parade while carefully avoiding the May Queen pageant.

We managed only a few guest speakers from outside the community and we covered many other topics casually during the course of meetings.

About six books were read by the group and discussed; this was not as successful as could be hoped for.

During this year, the group did much re-evaluating of its goals.

15. What obstacles did you encounter in carrying out this project?

General disinterest in women's issues from those in our community who are (seemingly) unaware of these problems and/or particular interests of women.

Although we regularly advertised our activities and encouraged newcomers, fear or antagonism kept away many of different age, cultural background or economic situation than most of our members.

Community resistance was not what could be considered strong, but several members and our phone contact received nasty cards or obscene phone calls.

16. a. Whom was the project designed to serve, assist, work with, work for...?

- i. Young children, young adults, adults, senior citizens
- ii. Both sexes
- iii. Cross-section of incomes
- iv. No specific cultural group
- v. No specific language group
- vi. People living in the Upper Kootenay Lake area
- vii. People concerned with women's rights issues

b. The project partially reached the people described in (a).

Please explain:

See answer to question 15. Our group almost completely filled the needs of those who participated regularly. There was some division of thought as to whether we should make a stronger effort to reach out politically in a wider range to reach those who had not responded to us directly.

17. What were the concrete effects (or specific achievements) of the project?

(If applicable, please indicate the effects on a) individuals, b) your organization, c) other groups or organizations)

- a. Effects on individuals- increased confidence and greater knowledge of areas which directly affect the individual, (through working-paper presentations: most members presented a researched topic to the group; and through involvement with group decision-making process)
- b. Our organization gained a structure to give meeting more effectiveness. We worked out a weekly program which held the interest of most members and kept activity varied. Meetings were easier to organize with a regular place in which to hold them.
- c. Effects on other groups were minimal, but various other organizations—May Day Committee, Senior Citizens Group, teachers and merchants—had the opportunity to work with us on some level. This took away a lot of the hesitation on their part about what we were doing, what sort of persons we were.

A number of publications were handed out to the public.

18. Objectives of the project:

Be as brief and as specific as possible. For each objective, please indicate whether you felt:

- a. It was achieved, partially achieved, not achieved, not even attempted, or left for the future.
- b. It was a feasible objective, given the resources (time, staff, money, energy) of the project.

Note: very often, the initial objectives will have been changed over the duration of the project. Where possible, please indicate the initial objective and the ways in which it was altered, refined, or made more specific.

- i. Overall or Long-term objectives: To implement changes in attitudes and situations affecting women in a negative way. I believe our long-term vision included a much more active centre than will be achieved in Kaslo. Our only model was Nelson Women's Center. Our centre will likely never be as active as envisioned at first. Probably not feasible for this community.
- ii. Middle-range objectives (what you expected to achieve at the end of the first year of the project): We expected to have the centre open more hours and have more use by the public than ended up. The centre was still strongly functioning for regular attendees but we didn't have the "drop-in" atmosphere for new member of the community nor teenagers in need of counsel that we'd hoped for. We did attempt to have the centre open and publicized this; not too much response. We could not pay anyone to be there full-time.
- iii. Short-term objectives (after 3 months, 6 months, 9 months): Short term objectives were well met. The group experienced a surge of energy and ideas knowing we were backed up and could afford to maintain a centre. Meetings, when finally structures and in a comfortable environment opened up a number of side projects; some which were completed, some not. I personally feel the group developed a great deal in positive directions.

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