

IDEAS YOU SHARED

READOUT FROM MY CONVERSATIONS WITH DDC MEMBERS,
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- Thanks for taking the time to talk with me!
- Thanks for trusting me with your thoughts, ideas and (sometimes) personal challenges!
- If you weren't able to participate:
 - I know, this has been a hard last few months for many of us!
 - If you need some personal support from someone on the council, let Alison or me know! We're a team!
 - Let's look ahead to working together as we begin to re-emerge from a tough year!

HOW HAVE WE DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC?

General reactions:

- We've been moving in the right direction and accomplishing a lot – Alison and her staff are doing great! (State plan, Latinx conference)
- Folks are more involved and energized than in the past: in some ways the pandemic has brought us closer together, even operating remotely

A few ideas and concerns:

- Some have struggled with remote interactions
- More communication from staff between meetings could be helpful
- Our meetings:
 - Are we trying to cover too much ground in our meetings?
 - Can we improve the appeal of our meetings (esp retreat) for visual learners?
 - Should we vary our regular meeting time (some evening meetings?)

Doing our work efficiently

Engaging the public

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Setting priorities

Communicating within DDC

In-person and remote

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

Expand our community membership!

- Self-advocates (DCAP?), marginalized groups, wards 7 and 8, families with young children
- Attracting young people: meeting format; choice of topics

How to approach our work:

- Set priorities!
- Use plain language/focus on education
- Get outside the “disability bubble” to influence the whole community

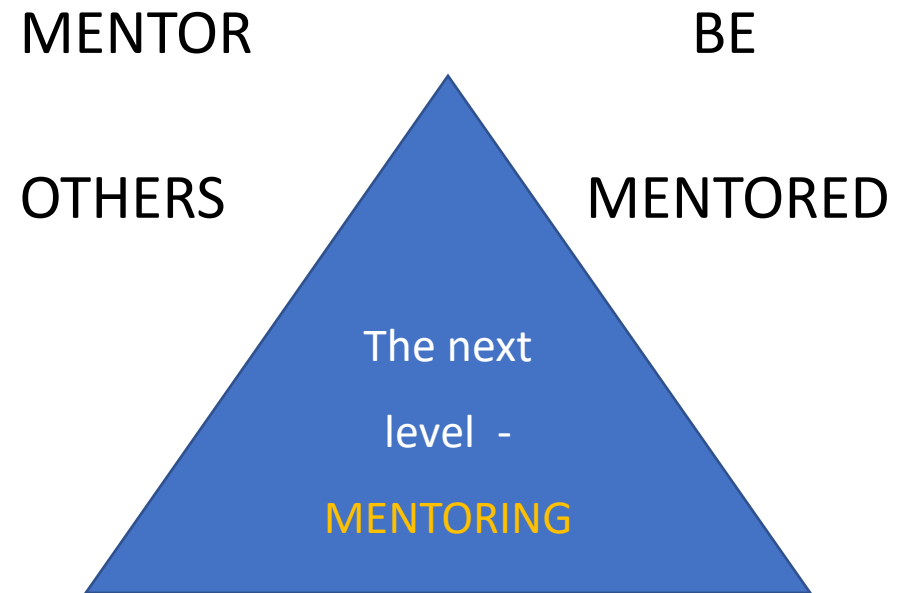
We've interviewed some great candidates!

Our committees are helping set solid priorities!

Let's be creative in our outreach and clear about our goals!

STEPPING UP – YOU HAVE!

You said you were ready for more responsibility, and our committees are humming thanks to you!



IN CONCLUSION

- WE HAVE A LOT TO DO AS WE EMERGE FROM A DIFFICULT YEAR
- WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT AND ARE ON AN UPWARD SWING
- LET'S KEEP THESE ISSUES ALIVE - SOME OF THEM FOR OUR NEXT RETREAT
- PLUS – **A REMINDER** –
 - MY TERM ENDS THIS YEAR – WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO STEP UP INTO THIS JOB? 😊