

CRITERIA FOR DECISION MAKING COLLECTIVE MEMBERS

1. Health Collective Membership

Health Collective members...umbrella for next three categories

Decision-making members....members who meet criteria a, b, & c

Active members.....members who do not attend meetings regularly and are actively involved

Affiliated members.....members who are not involved or whose status is unknown

2. Meetings are open to all Health Collective members. All members can participate fully in meetings but in the case of a contentious issue (one where consensus cannot be reached), only decision-making members can vote or block consensus.

3. Criteria for Decision-making Status

a. Attendance at the first three training sessions where the history, goals, and basis of unity of the collective are discussed and agreed upon.

b. Regular involvement in the collective which has taken place in the last three months. Regular involvement entails six hours of work per month in any area of the collective, excluding Information Centre and Health Collective meetings.

c. Regular attendance at Health Collective meetings. Assuming that there will be one meeting per month, if a decision-making member misses two meetings in a row, at the following meeting she will be an active member not a decision-making member; that is, she will be unable to vote or to block consensus should a contentious issue arise. (If there are two meetings per month the same will apply after missing three meetings). Active members can still take part in discussions. A decision-making member's status resumes after attending one Health Collective meeting after her absence. In the case of an extended leave of absence (more than six months), decision-making status resumes after attending two consecutive Health Collective meetings (ie. at the third meeting).

4. Collective members are responsible for notifying the collective if they will be missing a meeting or if they will be inactive for a period of time.

5. It is the responsibility of members to find out the dates of meetings and to read the minutes of meetings.

6. Decision-making Process

We strive for consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on a contentious issue after it has been discussed at two meetings, the issue will be decided by a vote of 80% or more. If 80% cannot agree, there has to be more discussion.

7. Quorum

Quorum shall be 50% + 1 of decision-making collective members to be calculated prior to every meeting. Decision-making members who have notified the collective that they are on a leave of absence should not be counted when calculating quorum.