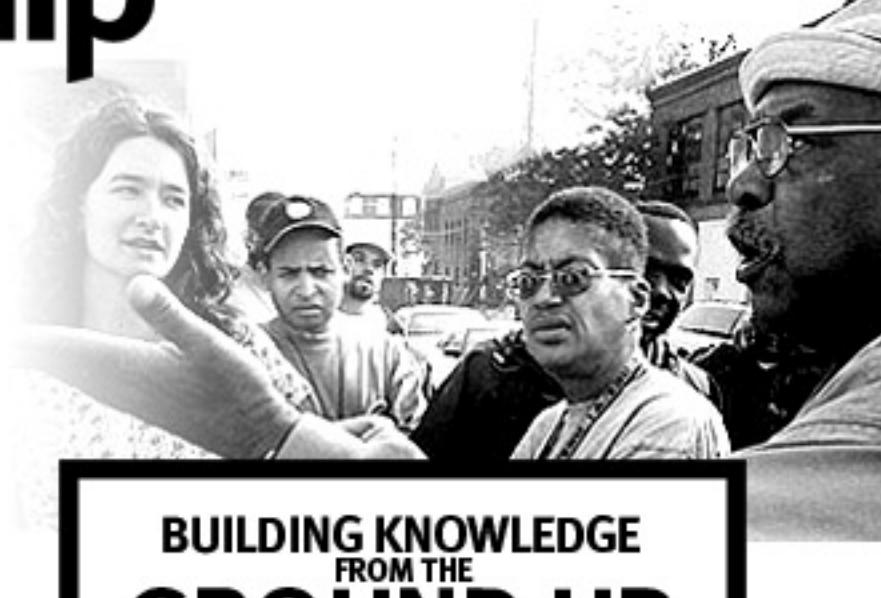


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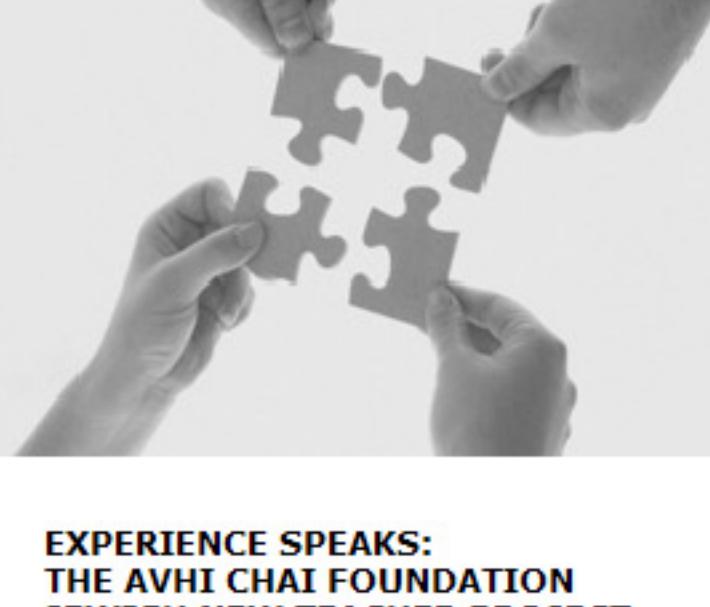
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MAKING CONNECTIONS: ANNOUNCING THE SOCIAL CHANGE LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Building on seven years of experience working with more than 350 social change leaders, RCLA is proud to announce the Social Change Leadership Network. The Network will sponsor a dynamic set of activities and facilitate important connections among leaders that advance their knowledge and work.

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EXPERIENCE SPEAKS: THE AVI CHAI FOUNDATION JEWISH NEW TEACHER PROJECT

Funded by the AVI CHAI Foundation, the Jewish New Teacher Project (JNTP) has developed an interactive mentoring initiative to recruit and retain quality teachers in Jewish day schools. In 2006, the AVI CHAI Foundation and RCLA launched a collaborative project with eight JNTP mentors to document what they have been learning about mentorship, teacher development, and their own teaching practice. The insights are published in a new report, "Experience Speaks."

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COOPERATIVE INQUIRY: INTEGRATING HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY

What are the intersections among human rights, social justice, and ecological sustainability, and how do we integrate them in leadership practice? Finding synergies across these diverse domains seems intuitively desirable but often remains elusive. Over the course of more than a year, eight social change activists from varied backgrounds and different communities around the US and Puerto Rico came together six times and participated in a cooperative inquiry to explore the question more deeply. Their efforts resulted in a report and accompanying "manifesto" as well as a PowerPoint presentation—all of which explore their collective insights.

[» Click here to download the "manifesto"](#)
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News & Events

- RCLA hosts symposium, "[Race & Leadership: Scholarly Conversations at the Intersection](#)," May 29 - 30, 2008
- RCLA gives presentations at the [GUNI Conference](#) in Spain and the [Action Learning Conference](#) in England
- RCLA participates in the [Global Summit on Social Responsibility](#) in Washington, D.C.
- RCLA Faculty Affiliate, Professor Dennis Smith, speaks at the [New York State Leadership and Accountability Conference](#), "Leading with Purpose: Measuring Performance and Enhancing Ethics," May 8, 2008
- Click [here](#) for more News & Events

RCLA PRACTICE NOTES

RCLA is proud to continue to share our Practice Notes. They are a way for us to share insights, tools, processes, and approaches in a concise and user-friendly format. Each Note contains practical information useful to leaders in the field, RCLA partners, academics, visitors to our website, and anyone else interested in improving collective leadership skills or capacity. We will present new Notes as they become available in this newsletter.

PRACTICE NOTE: VISUAL TOOLS

Very often, a visual image can bring sudden clarity to an issue, problem, or model that seems otherwise murky or intractable. At RCLA, visual tools add a welcomed dimension to facilitating difficult conversations, building connections among diverse groups of people, and convening leaders to problem solve or address the challenges of critical social issues. Here, we briefly present our experience and learnings with three visual tools: Visual Explorer, Graffiti Wall, and Murals/Tapestries.

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