

David W. Oaks, Celia Brown - Multi-Movement Organizing and Mad Movement Organizing: A Hands-On Strategy Workshop About Our Role in Global Nonviolent Revolution

Get your Mad Pride on! This was a hands-on strategy session where psychiatry would have labelled us with "grandiosity," but where Martin Luther King would have called us his "International Association for the Advancement of Creative Maladjustment." The question was answered, "How will the mad movement help lead a global nonviolent revolution?" As crucial as taxpayer funding is to wonderful mental health alternatives, the historic origin of the "mad movement" in the late 1960's was not a government grant. The origin of the mad movement was the unstoppable ferment of many other movements for justice, including for civil rights activism to challenge racism, prison reform, poor people standing up against economic inequality, disability rights, and more. How is the mad movement re-forging the links and taking our place side by side with other movements for a nonviolent global revolution? How can we open more doors and build more bridges to other movements for social and even environmental change? How does the current environmental catastrophe of the climate crisis prove our point about what is mistakenly called 'normal.' Together we re-visited the source of mad movement organizing in the intersection of creative activism with mutual support. Together built an "unlikely coalition" where we glimpse not just what the future can be, but what the future must be.