

Draft Announcement/Letter to...

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

During the past weeks, we have learned about many local initiatives responding to the coronavirus outbreak. They are rapidly developing, home-grown, resident-led, and all-volunteer. And they have been both creative, impressive and surprising in mobilizing large numbers of people in a short period of time.

Perhaps you are like us. We are confident that many of you have become aware of similar initiatives in or around your own communities. Experiences and initiatives full of kindness, compassion and even love. It would be useful if we could collect them, so that we could share them with each other, adapt them to our own community settings and remember moments and ideas we value for our life and our communities after the pandemics.

*Are there examples or stories you would like to share?*

These can be any positive community-generated example, small or large, of any type, especially those you regard as particularly creative or noteworthy. We encourage you to send them to us at (to be inserted – I would suggest there is one e-mail for each country? WS) preferably in brief form (no more than 100 words).

We will aim to post them at multiple sites (SCRA, ECPA, CTB, etc). In the future, we hope to expand and update other content as well. We do not see this as a static bank of ideas but rather a dynamic collection to build from.

We hope this site may help demonstrate the importance of community building in a time of crisis, and illustrate one of the many ways that community psychology/community action/co-creation (insert here the term suitable to be used for your group you want to address) can make a contribution. In addition, we hope, that remembering our shared moments and experiences will help to shape a better world for our future.

Many thanks, everyone. Stay healthy and safe. We look forward to hearing from you.

*(Names and affiliations of signers to be inserted)*