

DiversityTalk

DiversityTalk is an e-mail group for persons who have been selected by their Shambhala center or group as their “diversity contact person” or “point person for diversity issues” and for persons who wish to work with, explore and support diversity within the Shambhala community.

Members of the DiversityTalk list reflect variations in religion, spiritual tradition or teachers, path of practice, political affiliation, opinion, class, nationality, culture, ethnicity, race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, or physical, perceptual or mental abilities. All are working in their Shambhala centers or groups to foster an atmosphere that is more open, inclusive and welcoming of diversity.

DiversityTalk is a resource that can be used to:

- Share information, ideas, experiences, strategies, successes and challenges concerning diversity initiatives and diversity issues in their center or group;

- Request help, feedback, advice and guidance concerning diversity initiatives or issues in their center or group;

- Offer support to other diversity contact persons who are working to foster an atmosphere in their center group that is more open, inclusive and welcoming of diversity.

The focus of DiversityTalk is diversity activities and diversity issues in Shambhala centers and groups. However, other topics of discussion are permitted provided they foster diversity awareness and greater understanding, appreciation and respect for all people and have practical applications for the Shambhala community.

NOTE: Although the Diversity Working Group may schedule a conference call twice a year for diversity contact persons and other users of DiversityTalk, any user of the DiversityTalk can schedule a conference call to discuss a diversity topic and post the conference call announcement (with the call initiator, topic, date/time, dial-in number and access code) on DiversityTalk so that others interested in the topic can join the call if they wish.

To join DiversityTalk, email a request (with your first and last name, your email address, and center or group name) to: Patience Paradox, at kshanti@oz.net. You will be notified when you have been added to the list.