

Documenting of the WSF information

The Social Forum needs to extend to the library. Let the public libraries become "depository libraries" of the social forums. This activity is a Pilot Project of Kenya Library Association, in cooperation with the Network Institute for Global Democratisation, whereby library and information specialists initiate the documenting of the WSF information before, during and after the WSF event in Nairobi.

1. The librarians and the libraries can help the WSF to get rooted in ever wider circles while at the same time defending and developing their own important public service in cooperation with the global justice movement.
2. Librarians are invited to collect, organise, present, disseminate and preserve the information that is produced by the WSF-process.
3. Social forums, libraries and the internet, open spaces of humanity, unite!

The public libraries and the social movements grew together, in cooperation. They need to reconnect with each others.

The public library system is threatened by the neoliberal globalisation, The librarians are becoming aware of the dangerous implications of the GATS and TRIPS agreements. The WSF process can help the libraries to fight the threat.

Background information is found at <http://www.nigd.org/libraries> and <http://www.libr.org/isc>

Since the library is a universal institution and literacy is the predicament of mankind, this activity should extend to your village or town.

The objectives of this pilot project are to create a documentation of the WSF by librarians in libraries in order to:

1. Guarantee the continuity of the WSF process;
2. Disseminate information about the WSF and its debates to groups which are otherwise marginalized;
3. Improve the librarians' links to both the local and international social movements.

Learning by doing; the participating librarians and information specialists will develop practical methods and solutions for the documenting, the preservation, the presentation and the dissemination of the (world) social forum information in libraries.

The Embassy of Finland in Nairobi sponsors this activity economically through its fund for local cooperation.

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