



John Norton Organizer Development Fund

I met John in February 2012 when I was a participant in weeklong training.

He was a good mentor to me--he was patient, he told me to be myself, make my training my own, and said he liked working with me because I tried very hard to learn better every time I trained. John also was willing to learn from me about people with disabilities.

He seemed mean, but he was funny and a good man to learn from and willing to learn himself. I'll miss him.

--Marie Malinowski



Marie Malinowski led a session at TASH conference with John Norton in Chicago, December 2013

John Norton mentored organizers across the Gamaliel network. One event John revolutionized over the years was an annual Training of Trainer held annually within one of the national weeklong training events. Last year, 6 of the group of 16 trainers and trainees who participated were people of color and 11 were women (including Marie).

The Organizer Development Fund created in John's name will insure Training of Trainers continues in the way John envisioned: agitational, forcing participants to look inside themselves and understand the source of their own anger in order to become better organizers and leaders.

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