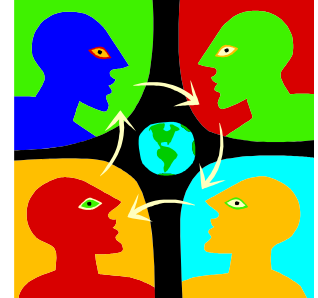


THE VISION

YOUR VISION FOR WILKES

Action Groups on the move

- Cultural Identity group moving forward
- Next gathering scheduled



Lance Ben Ysira'el and Annette Snider contributed to the Cultural Identity gathering. The husband and wife team also volunteer for the Circles Campaign and Bridges Out of Poverty. Annette is a trainer for the programs.



What does an “action group” do? It acts! As a result of the 10th Anniversary Event for Vision, priorities were selected by the attendees for Vision to bring together

volunteers to take action on some items that affect Wilkes long-term. The Cultural Identity group recently started the process of recognizing and understanding the uniqueness and similarities of the diverse cultures in Wilkes.

“In addition to English, we have 22 languages spoken as first languages by students in our school district,” stated Lance Ben Ysira'el, chair of the Quality of Life Foundation for Vision, at the Cultural Identity gathering.

“This does not include dialects within the languages. We must learn about the cultures that go with all the languages spoken if we are to work toward what appears to be the common goal—economic and social stability.”

Larry Poole and Zach Henderson discussed the loss of our youth. “We send them to college or they go to the military, and they have no plans to return to Wilkes. The perception is that jobs are not here; the ameni-

Points—

- All Action Groups are open to anyone with an interest in the topic
- All Action Group gatherings are listed on the calendar at www.wilkesnc.org



Workforce Housing sets summit

“Anyone and everyone with an interest in workforce and affordable housing is invited to attend,” announced Paul Robinson, Chair of the Workforce Housing Action Group.

The Housing Summit will be held Thursday, May 7 in the Stone Center, Wilkes County Schools, Cherry Street, North Wilkesboro. State and

federal agencies will be presenting information regarding funding for these projects.

The Action Group is concerned with workforce housing for such as police, teachers, nurses, etc. in addition to low income housing.

The summit begins at 5:30 PM.



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