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Organizer's Edge

From Michael Jacoby Brown

This E News, so far, has included only the work of organizers in the USA. Now for an international perspective. In the US, many believe the myth that anyone can "make it" --no matter where they came from. The Fourth World Movement, founded after World War II in France, listens to and organizes among the very poor.

There are many lessons here. I hope you will read it all the way through.



From Bruno Tardieu, Paris, France

[ATD \(All Together in Dignity\) Fourth World](#) is a movement of solidarity among and in collaboration with the most excluded families around the world. Founded in 1957 by Joseph Wresinski, ATD Fourth World brings together women and men from all cultures and social classes and is active in 34 countries. It is an international non-governmental organization with no religious or political affiliation.

Our vision

"Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty."

- Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World

We hold a vision of a world without poverty, a society where each person is respected. Poverty is an affront to human dignity, and people in poverty have unique knowledge and experience that can lower the barriers separating people and communities. ATD Fourth World is a movement that gathers people from all backgrounds in order to think, act, and live together differently. [Read on](#)



Bruno Tardieu, author, [Artisans of Democracy](#)

Bruno Tardieu, Ph.D., married, father of three, is currently on sabbatical of the International Movement ATD Fourth World Movement. He has been a Fourth World full-time volunteer since 1981. He studied computer engineering in Ecole Nationale des Techniques Avancées in Paris and received his Ph.D. in computer science and complex system modeling at the University of Jussieu-Paris 8. He is a member of the scientific committee of the European Program of Modeling of Complexity.

Bruno Tardieu

Between 1981 and 1988 he has been in charge of Tapori - the children's branch of the Movement - first in France, then in the USA. While living with his family in one of the poorest areas of New York City, he ran the Movement programs for children in five neighbourhoods. [Read on for a fascinating read..](#)

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Who else you will hear from.....

We are just starting, but so far you can expect to hear what the following people are thinking:

Jessica Tang: Boston Teachers Union, AFT

George Luse of the Mass Teachers Assn,

Scott Reed with the PICO Network, ,

Cathy Howell, in Oregon and El Salvador, formerly with the AFL-CIO,

Caesar McDowell of the Interaction Institute for Social Justice,
 Diana Bell of Community and Labor United,
 David Hernandez of the California Education Assn,
 Linda Honold, of Wisconsin Voices
 Attica Scott, now an elected official in Louisville, KY, formerly with Jobs with Justice,
 Quinn Rallings in Alabama with the PICO Network,
 Bob Van Meter with the Local Initiative Support Corporation in Boston,
 Walter Davis, in Tennessee, of the National Organizers Alliance,
 Deb Askenase, of Community Organizing 2.0,
 Deb Fastino, of the Coalition for Social Justice in New Bedford, MA,
 Rebecca Gutman, with SEIU-1199,
 Tim Dean, of SEIU-1199,
 Claudia Horwitz, of Stone Circles in North Carolina,
 Mary Ochs, long time organizer in Los Angeles
 and others, hopefully, including YOU

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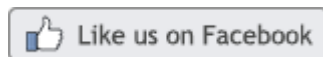
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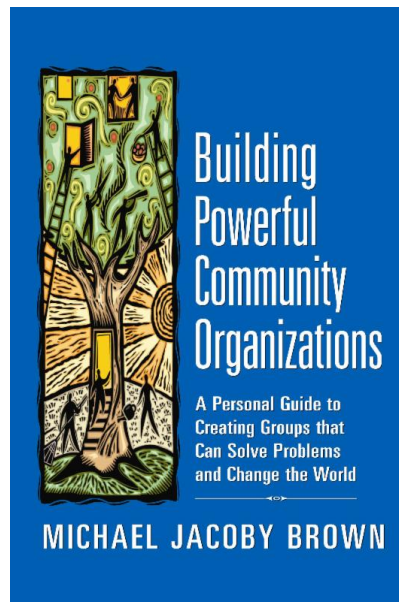
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