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A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR SELF-HELP GROUPS

It would have three major functions

1. An information and referral service - holding information about self-help groups and networks around the country.

A printed directory of self-help networks - from the computer file - will be available for sale.

2. Promoting the concept and development of self-help groups - producing and distributing a manual for setting up a group.

Supporting groups through a regular newsletter which would provide communication and education on a three-way basis: clearinghouse with groups; groups with clearinghouse; groups with each other.

Providing assistance to groups through organising professionally led workshops on communication and group skills or referral to a person in the local area who has those skills.

3. Community education - through the newsletter being sent to agencies, professionals, community groups and individuals.