

Sociocracy/Dynamic Governance - Online Resources for Communities

1. Six-minute video: Members of Lost Valley Educational Center/MeadowSong Ecovillage describe how they changed from consensus decision-making Sociocracy, which they see as a permaculture-like approach to self-governance. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hyw0gBsDeho> These are self-admitted Sociocracy beginners, which makes them good at introducing Sociocracy to other beginners.
2. Eight short videos by Nathaniel Whitestone of Sociocracy Consulting Group on different aspects of Sociocracy: <http://sociocracyconsulting.com/resources/videos>
3. Article, "Sociocracy: A Permaculture Approach to Community Evolution," by Melanie Rios, *Communities* magazine. Describes how Lost Valley, the same community as the above video, community who made the video noted above as they were first adapting their governance to Sociocracy. <http://communities.ic.org/articles/1504/Sociocracy>
4. "Sociocracy and Consent, An interview with Sharon Villines," in *Cohousing* magazine: [Cohousing.org](http://www.cohousing.org/cm/article/sociocracy) <http://www.cohousing.org/cm/article/sociocracy> Sharon lives in Takoma Village Cohousing, Washington DC, and is co-author with John Buck of *We the People: Consenting to a Deeper Democracy*, which introduced Sociocracy to the US (not published yet at the time of the interview).
5. Handout, "Introduction to Sociocracy," by Sociocracy trainer Diana Leafe Christian: Diana@ic.org
6. Videotaped talk by Diana Leafe Christian at Pioneer Valley Cohousing on community governance, why consensus as usually practiced in communities tends not to work well, and why Sociocracy seems to work better. "Pioneer Valley Governance, Part I" (& 2,3,4): www.youtube.com/watch?v=j73zvbiwk3w
7. John Buck's Dynamic Governance "Cheat Sheet." A quick outline of the (s)election process, circle meetings, operational meetings, proposal forming process, and consent decision making. <http://www.usgbcnm.org/resources/Documents/DG%20Cheat%20Sheet%2005%202009%5B1%5D.pdf>
8. *Equality in Governance: An introduction to Sociocracy*. An outline prepared by Sociocracy Trainer Jerry Koch-Gonzalez, who lives at Pioneer Valley Cohousing in Amherst, MA. Ask Jerry if he makes copies available: j.kochgonzalez@gmail.com
9. Six introductory videos by Ted Millich. If you already have a bit of Sociocracy/Dynamic Governance background, consider jumping straight to with video #3.
 - a. Beyond Democracy 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQpebvIX71A>
 - b. Beyond Democracy 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f0jzAEcOvY>
 - c. Beyond Democracy 3: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnOCLsKn_9U
 - d. Beyond Democracy 4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnOCLsKn_9U
 - e. Beyond Democracy 5: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWI_ai6ptmo
 - f. Beyond Democracy 6: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKweWdueABY>
10. Wikipedia article: [wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociocracy)
11. The following websites are not professional or official Sociocracy websites, but sites which seem more useful for beginners because they were written by beginners themselves, who knew what to emphasize.
 - a. <http://www.sociocracyinaction.ca/>
 - b. <http://mainesocio.weebly.com/what-is-sociocracy-aka-dynamic-governance.html>
 - c. <http://www.adeeperdemocracy.org/sociocracy-dynamic-governance/>
12. The following websites of official/professional organizations seem to be written for Sociocracy experts who serve as consultants and may not be as helpful for beginners, but still do offer information: SocioNeta, Sociocracy.Info, DynamicGovernanceAlive, the Sociocracy Group, the Sociocracy Consulting Group, Global Sociocratic Center.

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