

****Subject:** Expanding accessibility & community in IFS/partswork -- an invitation to collaborate**

Hello Bill and Brandon!

We are writing to you on behalf of an informal global working group of IFS enthusiasts and other partsworkers, about two dozen strong. We found each other at the last [Parts Work Unconference](#), where we discovered a shared goal of fostering accessibility and community around the model of healing we all love. (You can learn more about what we're up to in our new newsletter, [The Partsworker](#).) Folks on our team agree that the IFS Institute's recent decision to prioritize clinicians is an invitation to reimagine the model in liberating new ways — just as both of you are doing.

Your innovations in making peer-to-peer partswork accessible closely align with the values and goals we are pursuing, and we would love to learn from you. That's why we're writing today.

During our first live meeting last week, our working group identified a few projects to pursue:

- Cultivating a **online trust-based community** for partsworkers, designed to cultivate community safety by allowing members to vouch for each other's competence in practice.
- Maintaining an **open-source standard for partswork training programs** to help build a common understanding of safe and effective practice.
- Drafting **voluntary ethical guidelines** for partswork practitioners that balances client safety with openness.
- Designing a **new partswork training program** that equips non-clinicians to do peer-to-peer partswork safely and effectively.

We think you might be excited about some of these ideas as well — particularly the idea of creating robust training infrastructure for radically accessible peer-to-peer partswork, as you've done with [IFS Peers](#) and [Parts Work Practice](#).

We would love to invite you to a virtual meeting to share your insights and explore how we might work together on the evolution of the model, in whatever capacity feels right for you. We're hoping to convene that call in the first two weeks of November.

You are also more than welcome to join our working group!

If either or both of those possibilities sounds appealing, just reply and let us know, and we'll be back in touch.

Warm regards,
Ash Chugar and Siobhan Bale