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Sponsorship: The conference is being sponsored jointly by the Alternate Education Workshop at the Vancouver Free University, Inter-High, and the Saturna Island Free School. Nevertheless, the conference is conceived as a community project. Many people not belonging to any of these organizations, consequently, have been active in both planning and organizing the forthcoming events at Saturna Island.

Program: The conference is officially divided into two five-day sessions - but individuals may choose to participate anywhere from one to ten days. Each session will be able to accommodate 75 people. While there will be a minimum of prearranged seminars and rap sessions, most conference events will be organized by the participants themselves.

Facilities: The Saturna Island Free School will host the conference. The school occupies 28 acres of land on Saturna Island. Participants are expected to bring tents and camping gear. The school will provide food and dining facilities. Also there is a beach for swimming and bathing. Some of the conference events will take place in school buildings but these facilities will be augmented by three or more domes, built to accommodate both large and small events.

Costs: The cost of a 5-day session at the conference is \$20.00 which includes food but not transportation. For students, welfare recipients and others for whom \$20.00 is too costly, there will be a reduced fee of \$10.00 for the five days. Barter, so long as it is useful, will also be acceptable in lieu of money.

Transportation: The Saturna Island Free School can be reached by taking the Gulf Island Ferry leaving Tsawassen at 9:30 A.M., and changing at Mayne Island to the Mayne Queen for the trip from Mayne to Saturna Island. Participants planning their own transportation are advised to consult a B.C. Ferries schedule. The conference, however, intends to arrange for group fares with the B.C. Ferries and for transportation to and from Rainbow City Hall for a minimum charge.

Registration: Registration for the conference will take place at Rainbow City Hall, Hut 14, 557 W. 12th near Cambie in Vancouver. Registration closes August 15th 1971.

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