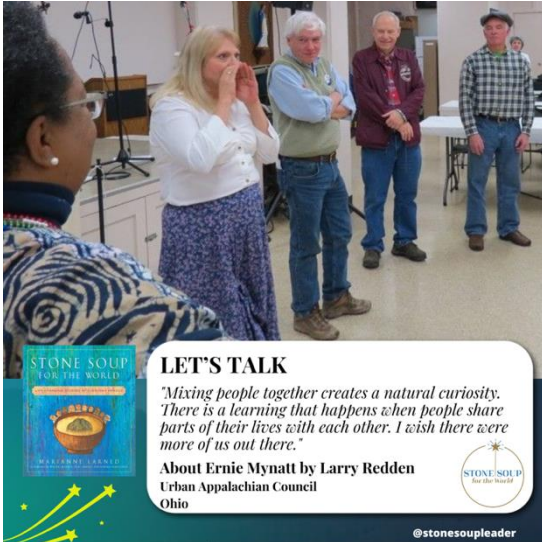




Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
 Story of the Week: Papa to His People/ Ernie Mynatt
 Urban Appalachian Council
 Week of July 14-20th



Sunday July 14: Story: Ernie Mynatt

READ how Ernie Mynatt became a champion for the millions of Appalachian peoples who migrated from their home states of Tennessee, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Virginia and West Virginia from 1910 to 1960.

Ernie mentored thousands of young people like Larry Redden and helped develop their education and showed him how to foster ties with people in their communities.

"My mentor, Ernie Mynatt, helped me understand who I was, and then who others might be, too."

When Ernie had moved from Harlan County, Kentucky, to Cincinnati in 1959, and he helped Appalachians learn to cope with the "big city". He talked with pride about living in the Appalachian Mountains, about the people and their heritage, religion, and education, as well as their hardships and dreams. "The way he talked about our roots, you wanted to be a part of it," says Larry.

His story is featured in Stone Soup for the World and in the Stone Soup Educational Curriculum.

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LET'S TALK

"Mixing people together creates a natural curiosity. There is a learning that happens when people share parts of their lives with each other. I wish there were more of us out there."

About Ernie Mynatt by Larry Redden
 Urban Appalachian Council
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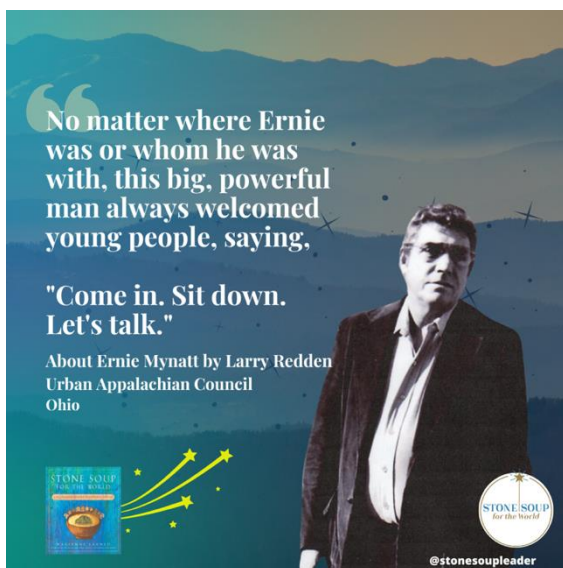
Monday: July 15: Ernie Mynatt

Ernie Mynatt grew up poor in the hills of Kentucky and moved to Cincinnati as part of the great Appalachian Migration.

For the next 30 years, he helped "hillbilly kids" learn how to cope with urban life - street kids like Larry Reddin, who were essentially homeless at age eleven.

For the young people in this city, he was Papa to his People. "The way we were growing up, there was no vision of the future. Ernie gave us to way to see what might be."

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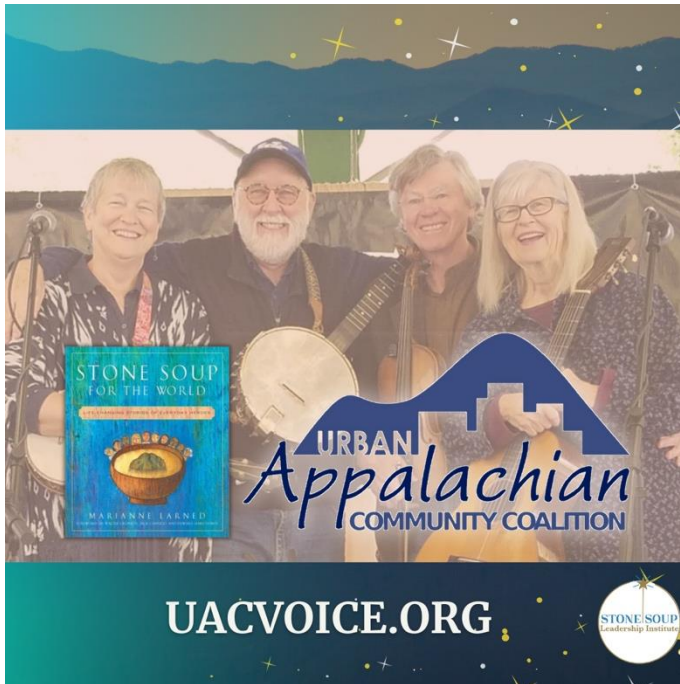
Tuesday: July 16: Ernie Mynatt: Hero Report

Ernie Mynatt and the Urban Appalachian Council are featured in the film, The Newcomers about the great Appalachian Migration.

Today's global immigration mirrors these challenging experiences – and the importance of learning how to live with people who are different from us.

The Newcomers director George Stoney writes, “I suspect that that church audience shared my middle-class attitude towards 'hillbillies.' It involves Appalachians recalling their own experiences of relocation to urban cities to find work. Getting to know them changed my attitude and I hope it also did for the middle class audience we made the film for. I suspect those class attitudes exist today and I hope that this film can continue to help change those attitudes.”

<https://youtu.be/lipAda0ntOg>



Wednesday: July 17: Honor Roll:
Ernie Mynatt & Urban Appalachian Council

The Urban Appalachian Council (UAC) is an organization that works for a decent quality of life for Appalachian migrants and their descendants in the Greater Cincinnati area, and to concentrate on and serve as a fellowship of those acting upon their issues and concerns. The UAC strives to promote positive images of urban Appalachian people and their heritage and to dispel negative stereotypes. The council's goals are the empowerment of individuals within urban Appalachian communities in order to strengthen families, develop resources within communities, and reform the systems that impact their lives

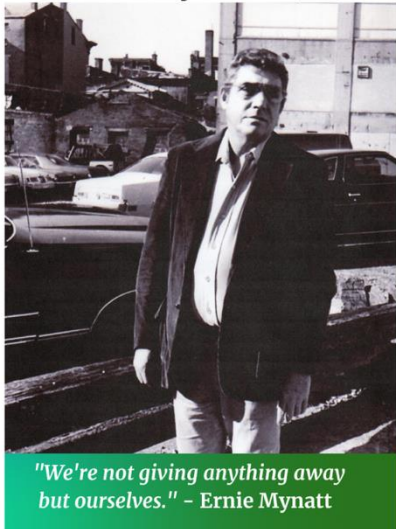
In 2014 the Council's service components were absorbed into other local organizations. The Council was reorganized as UACC, an advocacy coalition that

continues to be the chief voice for Cincinnati area Appalachians.

Learn more about the Urban Appalachian Council:

<https://uacvoice.org/about-uacc/>

Ernie Mynatt 1965



✦ Wednesday: July 17
• For Educators: Potential 2nd Post

• Read this interview with Ernie Mynatt with Anthropologists at Northern Kentucky University.

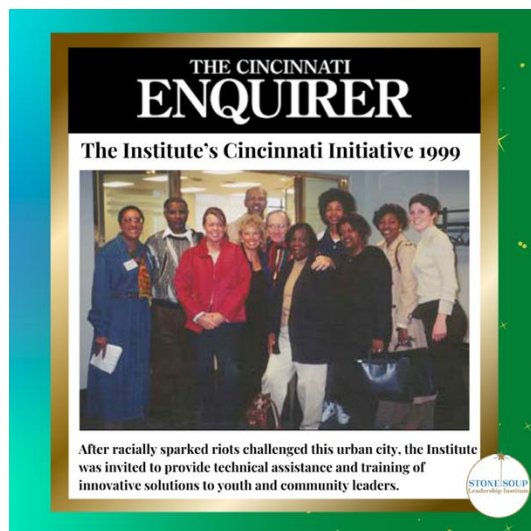
✦ Discover his role in the Urban Appalachian Council, its founding and its activities through his interview:

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His story is featured in Stone Soup for the World and in the Stone Soup Educational Curriculum.

How can your students learn about the roots of the Appalachian movement and Appalachian identity from this transcript style interview?

[This photo was provided to the Institute by Michael E. Maloney of the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition. This black and white portrait was captured of Ernie Mynatt in 1965.]



✦ Thursday: July 18: The Institute Feature

• The Institute was invited to work with the Cincinnati community in 1999. We custom-designed a Leadership training for youth and community leaders who had the unique opportunity of learning from real-life heroes featured in Stone Soup for the World who overcame similar challenges facing their communities – from Boston to East St. Louis, Detroit to Oakland.

• Teams of youth and community leaders from 25 different organizations were trained to build bridges and increase collaboration among diverse races, political, economic backgrounds. Organizations included Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cincinnati, American Red Cross, Cincinnati Enquirer, Miami University, Teen Response, the Urban League, Xavier High School, Ursuline

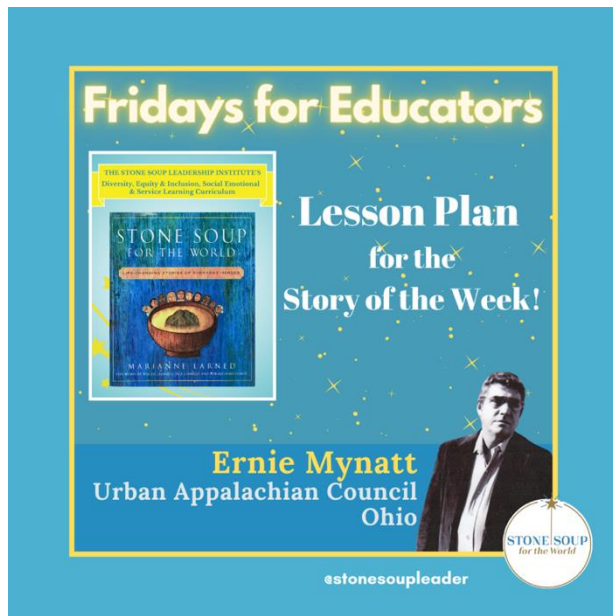
Academy and other public, private and charter schools.

Read more in The Cincinnati Enquirer:

On a scale rating inspiration and hope, the recent Stone Soup leadership training in Cincinnati was a weekend of 10s.

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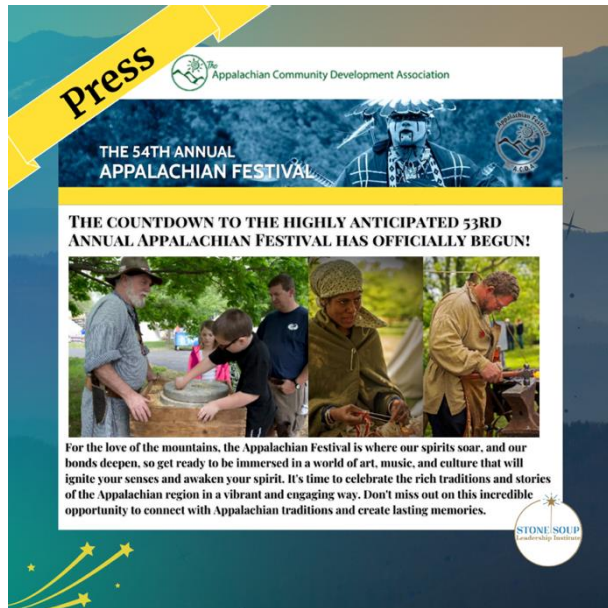


Friday: July 19: Lesson Plan: Ernie Mynatt

EDUCATORS use this FREE Lesson plan to help your students learn how they can develop a greater appreciation, empathy and respect for new immigrants in their communities.

Help your students learn about the values of being caring, commitment, sincerity, courage, vision, leadership and social emotional learning.

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Saturday: July 20: Press: The Appalachian Festival

The Appalachian Community Development Association (ACDA) organizes the Appalachian Festival.

Imagine wandering through a mountain village, where one can experience what life was like in the Appalachian Mountains. As you stroll along the Ohio River, the walkways will be lined with artisan shops, mouthwatering food, and Pickin' Porches. Attendees will experience the powerful rhythm and deep resonance of the drum as Native American dancers share their culture and music.

Read more about the Appalachian Festival:

<https://www.appalachianfestival.org/>

Funds received from the Festival support ACDA's grant recipients - organizations and individuals striving to affirm and enhance the lives of Appalachians and promote pride in Appalachian culture.

Apply or learn more: <https://www.appalachianfestival.org/grants>