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Disaster & Crisis Intervention Facilitator Training Workshops*

**7-8 March 2007 Portland, OR
IAF pre-conference workshop**

Register at <http://www.iaf-world.org>

Note: this workshop covers more topics, tools and techniques, and in much greater depth than the one-day workshop conducted at past IAF conferences

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We are putting together our workshop schedule for 2007. If you, your agency or organization would like to sponsor, organize or participate in a GFSC DCI workshop in any of these areas, or in another location, please write to us at

[http://globalfacilitators.org/workshops/
workshop_request.htm](http://globalfacilitators.org/workshops/workshop_request.htm)

Our New Year Wishes to All

In this season of reflection and transformation, the GFSC Board (Lenny, Tim, Marieann, BJ, Gil and Parcia) wish to thank all our donors, supporters and volunteers. Without your time, talents and dollars, we would not have been able to reach as many communities as we have this past year. We wish these blessings, inspired by an ancient Franciscan Benediction, on all of you.

*May God bless you with enough discomfort when you are faced by simplistic answers, half-truths and superficial relationships...
so that you may live fully and authentically.*

*May God bless you with enough indignation when you are faced by a leader's injustice, oppression and exploitation...
so that you may be an instrument of justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless you with enough tears, when you are faced by the pain, exploitation and violence that others suffer...
so that you may extend a helping hand.*

And may God bless you with enough craziness to believe that you can become whoever you decide and make a real difference in our tormented world.

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City of Los Angeles Preparing for Emergencies

This month GFSC will be working with the Los Angeles Mayor's Office as they begin 2007 with special year-long preparations to deal with emergency. To address the personal and social rebuilding needs of local communities, GFSC will train a core group of 30 facilitators who will each, in turn, train at least 10 more people within 6 months, creating a corps of at least 300 volunteers to continue spreading effective tools and techniques across the city.

IAF North American Conference March 7-10, 2007 Portland, Oregon USA

The IAF North American Conference connects experienced facilitators and seasoned trainers with conference participants in an interactive learning environment. Plenary sessions, breakouts and Pre-Conference training deliver meaningful, relevant content to new and advanced facilitators. Whether building skills, networking with colleagues around the globe or studying opportunities for transformation, IAF North America is an exceptional professional development opportunity for leaders, managers and professional process consultants from a variety of disciplines. Come to Portland in 2007. Build skills. See Facilitators in Action. Experience and Explore...

Registration is open at <http://www.iaf-world.org>.

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Facilitating Change in Whole Systems: A Comprehensive Diagnostic Method for Effective Change

The Center for Strategic Facilitation is sponsoring a workshop, February 27-28, 2007 in Oakland, CA, for facilitators and change agents.

Learn how a facilitator can turn a group's own wisdom into a powerful and dynamic change agent, no matter how complex the situation. The course will be taught by William Staples, CPF, CTF. This is a rare opportunity to learn powerful participatory skills from an internationally renowned trainer and practitioner. For more information click on <http://www.strategicfacilitation.com>.

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Facilitators Using GFSC Materials

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The Naked Facilitator Conference

By Lenny & BJ Diamond

At the Naked Facilitator Conference, hosted by the Australasian Facilitator Network, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2006 in Geelong, Australia, GFSC (Lenny & BJ) met with more than 40 facilitators and government representatives, sharing an overview of the GFSC, the Grief & Recovery (Disaster & Crisis Intervention) model and our "cascade" (sharing model). We discussed how GFSC can support the Australian Disaster Preparedness initiative. We are continuing to discuss and explore financing and scheduling of workshops for facilitators working for/with local communities, particularly affected by the on-going drought and those affected by the threat (and reality) of the bush fires. We are also continuing discussions with the Victoria Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority.

To our Aussie friends: *We have many great memories of our first AFN Conference and appreciate the warmth and friendship we experienced during our stay in Oz. We are grateful for the opportunity to introduce GFSC to you and for your interest in exploring the role of the facilitator in disaster preparedness with us at the conference.*

We look forward to learning more and exchanging ideas about the drought and bush fire situations. We hope GFSC will return to Australia in 2007 to help build facilitator and community capacity for supporting personal and social response and recovery.

Along with our thanks, we wish each of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling 2007.

GFSC NOLA Network News

With the support of Southern University School of Social Work, Loyola University Twomey Center, Tulane University School of Continuing Studies, The Facilitative Leadership Institute, Turning Point Partners and Shell Oil Company as well as the dedication, energy and time of a devoted core of GFSC volunteers, 7 more community workshops are scheduled for 2007 and 4 are already funded.



Our hats are off to: Michael Kane, Ted Quant, Julianna Padgett, Carol Fleischman, Lou Furman, Ernest Wright-Irvin, Jean Watts, Kathleen McGraw,

Beth Gnuse, Wayne Wallace and many others who have shown their commitment to New Orleans and to sharing the GFSC grief and recovery model.

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"You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

Mahatma Gandhi

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GFSC Web site Design Contest!

If you are interested and able to help GFSC modernize our website, you are invited to submit your designs and suggestions.

Contest Rules:

1. Closing date: Feb. 28, 2007
2. Submit one Home page (in .html) and one template for linked page.
3. Winner will receive our thanks, credit on our web page, announcement in newsletter and link to their web site for 1 year.

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Have Your Website and Help GFSC Too!

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If you host a website, want to reduce your long distance phone charges and improve communications within your organization, consider Kiosk and Hot Conference.

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