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## Disaster & Crisis Intervention Facilitator Training Workshops\*

- **30-31 October, Ottawa, ON Canada, co-sponsored by GFSC and Your Leadership Works.** Register at <http://globalfacilitators.org>
  - **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
- \* For experienced facilitators who will train other professionals and community service personnel.

We are putting together our workshop schedule for 2007. Our schedule for Australasia will be announced soon. 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)

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## 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>.

## Capacity Builders



To assure the quality of materials, content and training, GFSC conducts workshops for experienced facilitators who commit to train other volunteers who use facilitation techniques, in one or more of the GFSC focus areas emphasizing the strengthening of community capacity to address challenges and create sustainable solutions.

We have had many requests to recommend facilitators who can conduct GFSC workshops in various locations. Here is a brief explanation of our Workshop Facilitator Policy.

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Facilitators who successfully complete GFSC workshops, and who meet the other criteria described in our [Workshop Facilitator Policy](#), are authorized to organize and co-facilitate GFSC workshops

Authorized GFSC Workshop Facilitators agree to volunteer (without pay) to co-facilitate at least one GFSC workshop/year during the term of their 2-year (renewable) agreement.

GFSC-authorized facilitators will receive written notification of their authorization and will be listed on the GFSC website.

### **Types of GFSC Workshops**

There are two types of GFSC workshops, one focuses on training other facilitators ("train the trainer") and one focuses on training community leaders, first responders, educators, health care workers and other interested in helping their communities become more resilient and self-reliant.

Workshops administered and/or delivered directly by GFSC have at least one GFSC-authorized Facilitator co-facilitating all GFSC Train-the-Trainer Workshops (aka "for experienced facilitators", "Tier One").

Workshops administered and/or delivered directly by GFSC for local communities, agencies and specific professional groups, must be co-facilitated or mentored by a GFSC-authorized Facilitator or Mentor.

### **Use of GFSC Materials**

All GFSC materials that are to be used in whole or in part in non-GFSC [administered](#) workshops must have written permission from GFSC to reprint. Requests must be submitted to GFSC ([Reprint Permission Agreement](#)) at least 2 weeks prior to the event for written approval and permission to reprint/duplicate permission.

- If the workshop is an unpaid volunteer effort for which there is no remuneration, there will be no Use of Materials charge.
- If the workshop is paying for facilitator services there will be a Use of Materials charge, payable to GFSC, equivalent to \$10.00 per participant or 10% of per person workshop registration fee, whichever is less.

Please see the GFSC [Use of Materials Policy](#) for further details.

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### **The Naked Facilitator Conference**

GFSC will be presenting an overview of the GFSC organization, DCI and our "cascade model" as it relates to the Australian Disaster Preparedness initiative, at the Naked Facilitator Conference, hosted by the Australasian Facilitator Network, Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Geelong, Australia. We will also describe the Disaster & Crisis Intervention workshops and are planning to schedule workshops in that part of the world in the first half of 2007.

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### **City of Los Angeles Prepares for Emergencies**

In January, 2007, GFSC will be working with the Los Angeles Mayor's Office as they embark upon a year of preparing for emergencies, including addressing the needs of local communities. The City is training a core group of 30 facilitators who will each, in turn, train at least 10 more people within 6 months so that there will be a corps of at least 300 volunteers continuing to spread effective tools and techniques across the city.

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### **GFSC NOLA Network News**

The New Orleans Network of GFSC is conducting a Disaster & Crisis Intervention workshop for the Louisiana Office of Public Health, the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Office of Mental Health, Oct 26-27. Representatives from other state agencies are attending, including Environmental Affairs, Emergency Preparedness and Louisiana Spirit.

More workshops for the New Orleans community continue to be scheduled with several faith-based communities and a few health care agencies.

### News from Latin America

Gil and Parcia are following up on the high interest in Buenos Aires to strengthen the network of volunteer facilitators there. We will update our readers in the next newsletter.

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### The GFSC Model in Crisis Situations

"Traumatized people have the inner resources to help themselves and others, but they often cannot tap those resources on their own. Facilitators can help elicit deeply buried thoughts and feelings and also guide group conversations.

'A facilitator does not tell people what to do. A facilitator asks pointed questions so that people fully understand their feelings and the possibilities for change,' said Bego Rodas-Meeker, an experienced GFSC Facilitator.

'There is only a short window for this sort of facilitation,' she said. 'It will not work if you try it too early or too late.' "

ANDREW D. SMITH, Dallas Morning News, 1 Jan. 06

"...One of the things that concerns me deeply is how many people here [in New Orleans] have sustained trauma over the past eight months, have nowhere to go to process it, and who must just keep on going, facing tough situations and making hard decisions. Too much of that situation is a prescription for depression and ultimately despair. It also fuels an anger in people that gets in the way of clear thinking and cooperation for the common good.

There will never be enough therapists to deal with the numbers of trauma victims here, or enough people who could afford them if there were. We need a more broad-based way to offer some self-awareness and healing to people here in a supportive educational, rather than therapeutic, mode...

...Global Facilitator Service Corps has an impressive record of doing this work in other

disaster areas with good results. I have reviewed the GFSC model, and find that it based in [up-to-date knowledge] from psychology and the social sciences."

MICHAEL COWAN, Ph.D., *Common Good, Loyola University New Orleans*

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### Volunteer Job Board

**Event Planner:** experienced in planning and managing workshops and/or training events; responsibilities include working with GFSC leadership to locate venues and sponsors, supervise specific DCI workshop plans, printing & shipping materials, maintain budgets, registrations. This can be done for single workshop or for several workshops in various locations. Training and guidelines provided.

**Database Manager:** experienced in designing and implementing SQL databases to manage volunteers and contacts; responsibilities include researching parameters and selecting an efficient collection, storage and retrieval system. Coordinating with web server to upload and test.

**Database Administrator:** experienced in entering contact information, database maintenance and searches; responsibilities include collecting and reporting contact information and entering it into the GFSC database on a regular basis.

If you are interested in any of the above, contact [sec@globalfacilitators.org](mailto:sec@globalfacilitators.org)

## **Improve Your Communications**

Here is an easy, cost-effective way to improve your communications while supporting GFSC and our volunteer facilitators worldwide.

If you host a website and/or would like to reduce your long distance charges and improve communications within your organization, consider Kiosk and Hot Conference. By signing up using the link on the GFSC web site (<http://www.hotconference.com/GFSC/partners1.php>), 25% of your Kiosk-Hot Conference fees are donated to GFSC.

Hot Conference and Kiosk are proud sponsors of GFSC. Operating in more than 119 countries and with 35 years of experience, Kiosk provides our web hosting and a variety of internet tools. Hot Conference provides its industry-leading Web Conferencing Software so we can communicate with our volunteers throughout the world.

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