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Now available in
Chinese*
(**traditional and simplified*)

for Children, Adults and Facilitators

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GFSC Supports Efforts in China

We have received quite a few requests for our manuals and workbooks dealing with recovering from grief and crisis, for children, adults and group facilitators. More updates:

Mark Pixley and Karen Lim of LEADERSHIP INC, in Shenzhen, China are assessing how GFSC might be able to conduct a DCI workshop for local facilitators who can then train in affected areas and communities. Karen is raising funds to support the volunteers from NGOs or from the local Sichuan community so that they can take the Disaster & Crisis Intervention facilitation workshop as well as cover the basic expenses for the workshop facilitators.

Some of Karen's team have already been in Sichuan to recruit local volunteers including government workers, students, NGO staff, leaders of survivor groups, who can commit to this project for the long term (estimating at least 3 years). The training venue is planned for

Chengdu so that it is convenient for the volunteers to apply the skills they learn, and also provide an opportunity for the facilitators to experience the actual situation.

Bego and Larry Meeker of **ATConcepts** have worked with several groups in China prior to this tragedy and are exploring ways to offer the GFSC skills and tools to teachers and school administrators in the LDi network of schools in China.

Keke Quei of **Kinnogene** is working on developing a DCI study group and a learning consortium in Shanghai and one in Sichuan. Our GFSC materials will be helpful to these groups.

Shufang Tsai of Frontier Foundation, Taiwan has coordinated the updating and modifying of the 3 disaster manuals in traditional and simplified Chinese, which are now available in the GFSC online Library (. One thousand copies have been printed, paid for by the Presbyterian Church; 100 copies will be available from Frontier Foundation to meet different requests in Taiwan. The rest will be distributed by the Presbyterian Church to members who are being trained before going to go to the earthquake-stricken area

China's Peking University is requesting to make more copies of the Simplified Chinese version for teachers and volunteers with Taiwan Fund for Children and Family (T.F.C.F), who sponsored the first Chinese version of the manuals. They will work with Peking University to help them use those handbooks.

Gail West of **ICA, Taiwan** has worked with Shufang so that the GFSC manuals could be printed and distributed where they can be most effective. These manuals are available in English, Spanish and Chinese (at no charge) in the GFSC online library, <http://globalfacilitators.org>. Gail has been providing these manuals to schools, and an organization of psychologists and counselors in Sichuan. Frontier Foundation and ICA has been asked to train a group of volunteers from Taiwan who are volunteering to go to Sichuan to do counseling. They would like a 2-day course for volunteers to learn about taking

care of themselves and another session on how to do the counseling.

Ken Cotter of **China Care Associates** trains volunteers to work in the Wenchuan Earthquake zone (China). These volunteers do triage in the mountains, providing for community needs and programs for survivor children and adults in refugee camps. They are responsible for training volunteers with their 7 partner agencies operating in the Zone and want to use our GFSC manuals.

On behalf of the **Chinese Facilitator Conference**, **Jackie Chang** has invited GFSC to conduct a post-conference Train-the-Trainer version of our Facilitative Disaster & Crisis Intervention Workshop (DCI), Oct. 20-21.

To summarize, GFSC is supporting efforts in the local communities with:

- the GBL/GFSC manuals already translated into traditional and simplified Chinese and other materials in the GFSC Virtual Library <http://globalfacilitators.org>.
- use of our Listservers and/or Webex Virtual Conference Platform for virtual meetings, conferences and mentoring as needed and requested.
- arranging for experienced GFSC workshop mentor-facilitators to prepare local professionals to train other locals dealing directly with affected communities after survival needs and security needs are met. We are currently exploring options for workshops in both Taiwan and Mainland China, as requested.

As we receive more updates on how these and other efforts are progressing, we will share them with you.



What It Takes to Be the Best

By Karen Brill

March 04, 2008: *Training* magazine recently revealed the 2008 *Training* Top 125, an honor intended to celebrate the best in the training industry and encourage others to go further and do better. For individual learning practitioners, here is the question, "Apart from a big budget and good contacts, what does it take to be the best?"

"I want to provide real support to the earthquake victims, and build up their self-directed skills, helping groups and sharing how to take care of themselves as they continue helping others."
--Karen Lim

To be good at what you do; to receive consistently high ratings and reviews; to build a practice with a solid reputation in the business—the best is what you aim for out of the gate. This means choosing to live a little differently by:

Stay Current

The best in the field are active members of professional associations that promote their practice; invest time learning more; try out new tools; and stay current with what's hot.

Seek Feedback and Self-Evaluating

The best are always looking to get better, continuing to grow by seeking information on personal performance and reflecting on how to continually improve.

Build Capability

The best in any industry are those who share their expertise and contribute to developing the organization's capability. Think about your legacy today. What will you leave behind when you go? Who will share the learning that will move the organization forward?

Stick Around When the Going Gets Tough

It's not enough to be good at what you do when everything is going well. The best stick around when the going gets tough. When there's mutiny on the team, when the ship is going down, are you rallying people to the lifeboats? Or are you trying to save only yourself? Remember, on your worst day you are sowing the seeds for your finest hour.

Karen Brill is a former member of the GFSC Board, a learning and development specialist in Toronto and a monthly contributor to www.trainingmag.com.

News from New Orleans

Erness is an active member of the NOLA Network and an experienced facilitator of the GFSC DCI workshop. She has dedicated much of her time to help survivors of Hurricane Kartrina in New Orleans and in Texas.

Count me in for whatever I could do to help [those in China]. I've watched the news and my heart is with those survivors of this terrible tragedy.

I am facilitating a series of work group meetings with the Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (pronounced "NO DRIP" with an upside down umbrella for their logo — New Orleans humor in the midst of significant unmet needs!). This regional partnership encompasses seven (7) long-term recovery organizations (LTROs) within the metro New Orleans area. This facilitation support is needed as some national relief agencies begin to pull out of the very long haul of recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast, still with the truly difficult "unmet recovery needs" of thousands of people.

I am sharing info on GFSC with members of GNODRP, and directing them to the web site.

We are approaching 3 years and while progress is being made, there is still much that is so very broken in many of our city's neighborhoods and parish municipalities.

One participant said this rebuilding scale is like the ant and the elephant — and we are the ants.

My heart goes out to those survivors coping with the extent of devastation that hit China's provinces.

Erness Wright-Irvin, MHA

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

~Unknown

Join the GFSC Network

We encourage and support volunteers in their communities offering materials, mentoring, training and a forum to share ideas and techniques that build community capacity to address problems.

By joining the GFSC Network you agree to have your contact information shared with others in your region and/or in your designated areas of interest.

We are using a new (simplified) form. If you signed up a few years ago, or if you are new, please [join the network](#).

Let us know how you are building capacity within your community. Share your story with us at [Inspire: Share Your Story](#).

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Learning Opportunities from Our Partner Organizations

Be sure to let our partner organizations know that you are a part of the GFSC network, for possible discounts and other benefits.

Amauta International,
<http://amauta-international.com/>

Center for Strategic Facilitation,
<http://www.strategicfacilitation.com/>

Creative Education Foundation,
<http://www.creativeeducationfoundation.org:80/>

Community at Work,
<http://www.communityatwork.com/>

Facilitator U., <http://www.facilitatoru.com/>

International Association of Facilitators
<http://iaf-world.org>

National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD), <http://www.thataway.org/>

GFSC Workshop at NCDD

Facilitative Disaster & Crisis Intervention

Austin, October 2008

Join us at the 2008 National Conference on Dialogue & Deliberation!

For conference and workshop information and registration, visit <http://thataway.org>

Events of Interest

Australia/Asia

[IAF Asia](#)
[27 - 28 August 2008, Sarawak, Malaysia](#)

Chinese Facilitators Conference, Oct 18-19,
Taipei, Taiwan

Africa

IAF Africa "Imbizo"
23-24 July 2008, Pilanesburg, South Africa

North America

[Creative Problem Solving Institute \(CPSI\)](#)

Pine Mt. GA (near Atlanta)
21-22 Pre-conference
22-27 June 2008 Conference

[National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation \(NCDD\)](#)

3-5 October 2008, Austin Texas

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<http://www.hotconference.com/GFSC/partners1.php>

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