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Continuing to Build Community Capacity

in Los Angeles...

*The 25+ volunteers who participated in the GFSC Disaster & Crisis Intervention workshop in Los Angeles in January are sharing their learning throughout their communities. One volunteer, **Renata Valree**, has just conducted one workshop and has another in the works...*

"I conducted a two day training for members of the Family Violence Unit of the City Attorney's Office, Victim Advocate staff as well as members from several Domestic Violence Community Service Providers. There were 15 participants who took the training. All of the trainees provide direct services to victims of family violence as crisis intervention counselors. We had an opportunity to discuss this very question when we debriefed.

The Advocates from my office intend to use their skills when working with their clients, while the community staff mentioned training other staff within their individual agencies.

To GFSC, the staff appreciated the training. I hope to eventually conduct a workshop for the Deputy City Attorney's in the Family Violence Unit, particularly because they tend to lack sufficient understanding and sensitivity for working with victims in crisis. The advocates understand the needs of victims in crisis, but it's a challenge for the Attorneys who are preoccupied with securing a conviction. The needs and well being of the victim are not their primary objective. With the workshop, I hope to make some inroads and broaden their perspective."

in Ottawa...

Lise Hebabi has contacted a local organization that provides settlement services to newcomers to Canada, to explore the possibility of delivering workshops to newcomers as well as the volunteers and staff who help them adjust to the immigration experience and the often traumatic changes this entails. She will keep us posted on progress there.

in New Orleans...

2007 GFSC Crisis and Resilience Workshops at Tulane School of Continuing Studies

March 2-3: Teachers/Educators/Counselors

April 20-21: Law Enforcement

July 13, 14: First Responders and Law Enforcement

October 12-13: Open

We look forward to telling our readers how you are building community resilience and self-reliance within your community, agency or organization. Write to us at info@globalfacilitators.org. to share your work!

Note: GFSC Advanced Facilitator Mentor Training has been postponed. We will announce the rescheduled dates as soon as possible.



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Disaster & Crisis Intervention (DCI) Facilitator Training Workshops

Many people have asked for a brief description of this highly interactive workshop. On **Day 1** we introduce the grief & recovery model, describing stages of needs, effective and ineffective behaviors and leadership styles as they apply to individuals and groups in a crisis.

Day 2 continues with specific techniques for communicating, building personal and group resilience, and in particular, caring for caregivers.

Day 3 is devoted to helping participants plan their next steps to share their learning with their communities. [Read more...](#)

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, please write to us at http://globalfacilitators.org/workshops/workshop_request.htm

GFSC is pleased that we are able to take a huge step forward in our ability to address the needs of local communities. While we continue to train smaller groups and independent facilitators, we are now responding to requests from larger government agencies and organizations. Community service organizations, both large and small, realize the value of the services we offer. This recognition allows us to train even more people who will bring needed skills to their communities.

In May, We will be working with the Community Health Councils (CHC) of Los Angeles, whose mission is to improve health and increase access to quality healthcare for uninsured, under-resourced and underserved populations.



Date set for Australia workshop: 23-24 May 2007

Facilitative Disaster & Crisis Intervention Workshop for experienced facilitators

More details to follow soon. Contact Viv McWaters, viv@thereef.com.au, if you are interested in participating in this workshop and subsequently volunteering to bring these tools and techniques back to your community, agency or organization.

Results of our Year End Fund Raising

We are pleased at the results of our first official fund-raising campaign. While our aim was to raise \$8,500 in our first effort, we are thrilled to have achieved 76% of our goal to date! We've added more than \$6,500 to our operating funds. We thank all our donors for their generosity and willingness to support our work. If you'd like to help us surpass our goal, click on our [donation page](#) or mail a check to

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Sharing GFSC Materials

We continue develop new materials, as well as refine our existing materials. We want to know about and share how our materials are being used. So, if you are using or planning to use GFSC materials, be sure to complete and send us the [permission request form](#). If you are getting paid for your work (i.e., for profit), then you pay a token fee back to GFSC to support the organization. If you are not getting paid (i.e., volunteering), then, but you do not have to pay the Use of Materials fee to GFSC.

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Improve Your Website & Help GFSC Too!

Hot Conference and Kiosk are proud sponsors of GFSC. With 35 years of experience, operating in more than 119 countries, they host our website and provide a variety of internet tools. With Hot Conference we communicate with our volunteers throughout the world.

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

This is an easy, cost-effective way to improve your communications and support GFSC programs at the same time. 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.

Introduction to Change Management

The Change Facilitation Associates Network, Amauta International, LLC and The Change Handbook announce their first **Introduction to Change Management** training in the United States, **April 19-20, 2007** at the Process Work Institute in Portland, Oregon.

The two-day workshop offers an overview of Change Management theories and some basic tools to explore the field of Change Management and further develop your capacities as a Change Management facilitator and a Manager of Change.

This workshop will be co-facilitated by 3 internationally recognized Change Management Facilitators:

Peggy Holman, editor and main author of The Change Handbook, and a pioneer of Open Space Technology;

Holger Nauheimer, a management consultant, international trainer and Director of Change Facilitation. He is the author of the Change Management Tool Book.

Gilbert Brenson-Lazan, president of Amauta International, LLC; past president of Global Facilitator Service Corps and author, specializing in crisis and change intervention; leadership; and chaotic, self-organizing development.

For more information and registration, go to http://www.change-management-toolbook.com/about/training_icm_us.html.

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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...

Other Professional Development Opportunities

From time to time, we will share information about other, non-GFSC, professional development opportunities that might be of interest to our volunteers.

Registration is open at <http://www.iaf-world.org>. If you wish to donate to a scholarship fund for non-North Americans who wish to attend this conference, please click on <http://globalfacilitators.org/donation.html>

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"I believe that we are solely responsible for our choices, and so we have to accept the consequences of every deed, word and thought throughout our lifetime."

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

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