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Donna is an Independent Consultant, Facilitator, Trainer and Coach. She comes from a background specialising in organisation and management development in the international development sector. She has an MBA (Non-Profit) International with distinction, is a Master in 'Neuro-Linguistic Programming' (NLP) & in 'Group Dynamics and Non-Verbal Communications'. She has worked in Afghanistan at directorship level for an INGO focused on community development in rural areas, and from 1998-2001 as Chief Technical Adviser to a process capacity building program for key Afghan Civil Society NGOs & networks. At present Donna serves as Communications Hub and Steering Committee member of ACTION-Global.



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Simon Fisher is a facilitator, trainer, activist and writer. He has first-hand experience of conflict, development and change in many countries, working with local and international agencies, governments and at the UN. In 1991 he co-founded and became the first director of Responding to Conflict, UK. He is now working in Zimbabwe. Among his publications are: Working with Conflict: Skills and Strategies for Action (RTC/Zed Books, 2000), (co-author), and Spirited Living: Waging Conflict, Building Peace (Quaker Books, 2004). He is a former Honorary Research Fellow at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, and is currently an Associate of CENDEP, the Centre for Development and Emergency Practice at Oxford Brookes University. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Conflict Issues.



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Sue Williams is the new director of EMU's Summer Peacebuilding Institute. She has more than 25 years of experience in peace making and peace building, specifically in political mediation, training and strategic planning. Prior to coming to EMU, she served as special consultant to Folke Bernadotte Academy in Stockholm on a training program in political mediation and dialogue for the Mediation Support Unit of the United Nation's Department of Political Affairs. Sue has a masters degree on French and Politics from Brown University.



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Bridget has a background in community development and action for change at home in the UK and internationally. She has worked for several INGOs and visited many countries in Asia when she was with Oxfam (GB) where she was an adviser on gender and strategic planning and evaluation. She worked for Responding to Conflict from 1999 to 2006. She was involved with the development of the ACTION global network and met members of ACTION Asia who came to Britain on RTC courses. Since retiring from RTC Bridget has been active with groups defending the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the UK. She is a trustee of Christian Aid and sits on the executive of the committee which oversees the work of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva. She is strategic adviser to the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility.



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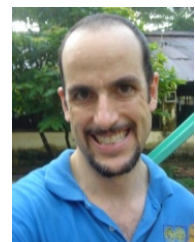
Francesca is a skilled consultant with experience of working on: conflict issues, organizational development, leadership, knowledge and change management. She has worked for several years as a management consultant, and since 2002 has been involved in peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Her regional knowledge extends to Asia, Europe and Latin America. Companies and organizations she has worked with include: the Post Office, Camden Mediation Services, Peace Direct, Centre for Peace Building and Reconciliation, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Church World Service.



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Tucker is currently pursuing a doctorate in peace studies at the Centre for Conflict Resolution in Bradford University, England. An educator by profession, he has worked in the countries of Sri Lanka, Thailand, Benin, Indonesia, Cambodia, Japan, India, and the United States. Tucker received his B.A. in English and French from Wesleyan University and his M.Ed. in International Education Policy from Harvard. He has nearly 15 years' experience in the fields of program design and management, grassroots training and capacity building, peace education, and grassroots capacity building. Tucker's research interests include educational reform, the nexus between corruption, development, and poverty, the dual role of education in peacebuilding and conflict, fragile societies in transition, peace education and education for peacebuilding, Southeast Asian politics, globalization and regional integration, and conflict transformation.



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Paula is the founder, former Executive Director, and now Senior Fellow of Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, a US-based NGO focused on international conflict transformation, inter-communal dialogue, and reconciliation. She also serves as Professor of Conflict Transformation at the School for International Training, where she founded and directs CONTACT (Conflict Transformation Across Cultures), an annual Peacebuilding Institute and Graduate Certificate Program for peacemakers from around the world. Dr. Green has decades of experience as a psychologist, educator, activist, and consultant in peacebuilding in many regions of Africa, Asia, the Mid East, and Europe, as well as within the US. She has been selected as a winner of the Unsung Heroes of Compassion, an award that was given to her by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in April 2009.



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Olivia is the Executive Director of the Karuna Center for Peacebuilding (www.karunacenter.org). She is also the Director of the School for International Training (SIT) Graduate Certificate Program in Conflict Transformation Across Cultures (www.sit.edu/graduate/6634.htm). Her international experience includes the development, design, and delivery of programs in peacebuilding, inter-communal dialogue, and reconciliation in many conflict-affected regions of the world, including South Asia, Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East, and the Caucuses. Her South Asia peacebuilding work has included extensive programs in Nepal and Sri Lanka and shorter-term programs in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. In the 1970's, she worked for two years with the Gandhian movement in Bihar, India on rural development and non-formal education. She then worked for 20 years in the U.S. in community mental health before starting her peacebuilding career. Ms. Dreier received a B.A. in Psychology from Yale University, a Masters in Social Work from Smith College, and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. She speaks proficient French and somewhat rusty Hindi.

