

# Templates For Change

## Network News

Welcome to the latest issue of TFC Network News. The aim of Template for Change (TFC) is to offer clear working frameworks for change to those groups and individuals wishing to re-address today's many challenges from a new level of self. Typically, our awareness of these challenges - from climate change to the search for meaning - are based on the external world, the one we can easily see 'out there'. Because of this when we try to bring about change we usually approach the task from the outside-in.

Profound change, however, starts from the inside-out, by altering our attitudes, feelings and ideas. It is in changing one's mindset and increasing our consciousness that we may bring about a far-reaching, transformative change that impacts not only our personal evolution but that of the human community.

Increasingly people all over the world are realising the need for this evolutionary change and are taking up responsibility as world citizens to help create a new kind of future. Towards this end, TFC is working with thought leaders and organisations around the world to create new templates for living. This newsletter reports on two of our most recent dialogues - one with the UN in New York, and one with the Confucian Academy in Hong Kong.

- the editor

### Templates for Change at the UN

Last month, Richard Howell, one of the TFC co-founders, and his wife Joan were invited to the United Nations headquarters in New York to attend meetings with several different departments and explore collaborative ways in which to address some of the key issues in the world today.



Richard & Joan Howell with the assistant spokesperson for the Secretary General of the UN

### Uniting the Nations

Says Richard: "The United Nations' founding mission statement has great potential relevance for a world that is searching for new international agreements and standards that can underpin the emerging and more global nature of society."

"Article 1.3 of the UN charter states: *To achieve international co-operation in solving economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.* Our discussions centred around how TFC's template frameworks might facilitate a review of the mission statement from the perspective of today's imperatives. One of these is clearly the need for greater unity of all peoples, creeds, religions and politics across the globe. As the UN itself puts it: *'The United Nations is our collective United Nations'*."

### A New Template for Change

The TFC team, all specialists and consultants with 25 years or more expertise each in 'template thinking', are committed to exploring a universal language beyond race, gender, language or religion; to finding updated and elevated pathways to the future; interpreting the human experience from a fresh perspective and asking: *"What is our individual and collective purpose in these confronting times?"*

To request more information about TFC programmes for individuals and groups email: [info@templatesforchange.com](mailto:info@templatesforchange.com)

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#### Events

**May 26-31st 2009** - TFC is holding its first international symposium on the **Global Citizenship Project** in Syros, Greece.

#### Next Issue

The first set of comments will be posted from TFC's international partners on world citizenship and templates for the future in a new 'virtual forum' section: **'Eminent Leaders Speak to TFC'**

#### Book review

A review of Richard Howell's new book, *'A Template For Change: Coaching for Meaning and Purpose'* will appear in the next issue of the newsletter with an introduction by Sir John Whitmore.

Visit the TFC website on: [www.templatesforchange.com](http://www.templatesforchange.com) and be a regular recipient of TFC newsletters and details about our courses, programs and symposiums worldwide.

### World Citizenship in Hong Kong

TFC is engaged in a lively World Citizen dialogue with a number of international organisations who are increasingly concerned about, and committed to, helping define the role of humankind in the changes needed at this time.

Says John Edge, a TFC founder and World Citizen project specialist:

"Having visited over eighty countries in my lifetime, I have always found it remarkable that regardless of religion, race or age, what I have met in people is an emerging consciousness and enquiry about what constitutes the foundation of a true world citizen. In contrast to the differences that have so often kept humans divided, my experience shows there is now a growing sense of collaboration and cooperation. It is the hope of TFC that by developing a new World Citizen network we can encourage the united voice of a 'One World' to be expressed".



*Dr. Kwan & Dr. Tong meet Christine Thompson & John Edge of TFC*

### The Confucian Academy

One of TFC's recent dialogues took place with **Dr. Tong Yun Kai** and **Dr. Justin Kwan**, President and Vice-President of the **Confucian Academy Hong Kong**, who met with John Edge and fellow TFC founder Christine Thompson in March. Says Christine: 'It was a great privilege to be able to develop our World Citizen dialogue with such eminent thinkers as Dr. Tong and Dr. Kwan who had just returned from Beijing where they were discussing the restoration of Confucianism as one of the national religions of China.' Over lunch we explored the importance of the harmony between the universe, the planet and people and the significant part that cooperation between world religions can play in a new global citizen awareness". (Read full report on [www.templatesforchange.com](http://www.templatesforchange.com))

### Become a World Citizen Pathfinder

TFC's World Citizen Pathfinder programmes are now open to groups of 15 people or more from anywhere in the world.

The introductory programme includes:

- ▶ Templates for personal and collective change
- ▶ Taking personal responsibility for outcomes
- ▶ Finding real ways to contribution to change
- ▶ Integrated world citizenship coaching processes
- ▶ The art of human interaction
- ▶ Facilitating universal values

For more information, dates and a prospectus about the new world citizen project contact us at: [worldcitizen@templatesforchange.com](mailto:worldcitizen@templatesforchange.com)

#### On Harmony

If there is harmony in self there is harmony in the family,  
If there is harmony in the family there is harmony in the village,  
If there is harmony in the village there is harmony in the nation,  
If there is harmony in the nation there is harmony in the world.



- ancient Chinese proverb

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### From the editors:

Welcome to the third issue of **TFC Network News**. We aim to make the newsletter content-rich and issue-driven, covering the topics we hope will invite spirited dialogue from an ever-widening network of people drawn together by like minds.

If you would like to share your thoughts about the issues raised in these pages, or contribute to our virtual forum on 'Templates for the Future' email us at:

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