



COMPASSIONATE LISTENING PROJECT

"An enemy is one whose story we have not heard."

– Gene Knudsen Hoffman, Compassionate Listening pioneer.

As we stand witness to global challenges and awakening on an unprecedented scale, we are reaching out to you to share the exciting news of our impact around the world and to invite your support.

Compassionate Listening trainings were held in war-torn countries, prisons, hospitals, universities, community centers, places of worship, media centers, and at national and international conferences. The tools and skills of Compassionate Listening are needed and wanted more now than ever. Truly a skillset for the 21st century, our work has continued to thrive in the world.

Inspiring Compassionate Listening work around the world:

- ☼ Nearly 3,000 participants attended Compassionate Listening trainings and events, offered by 21 CL facilitators.
- ☼ Our programs took place in 9 countries: Canada, England, Germany, India (& Kashmir), Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Palestine and the U.S.
- ☼ Our Facilitators mentored 16 people and we have 10 new facilitators.
- ☼ Our 2016 training delegation brought 13 people to Palestine and Israel for our transformative reconciliation work.
- ☼ Many organizations, businesses and institutions hosted trainings and presentations – see the partial list in the column to the right.
- ☼ Compassionate Listening was featured in various media outlets, including an inspiring interview with senior trainer Susan Partnow on New Day Northwest. CL was also included in many books and research projects.
- ☼ A strong social media network with 7,266 followers on Facebook.



CL Facilitator Tali Goodfriend presented at TEDx Montreal Women on November 5th. Her talk, "A Heart to Heart – Compassionate Listening," reached 1000 people. Be sure to follow us on Facebook – we will post the video link soon!



Journey to the Heart of Israel and Palestine with the Compassionate Listening Project

November 5–16, 2018
www.compassionatelisting.org

Thank you to all of our hosts!

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The Compassionate Listening Project empowers individuals and communities to transform conflict and create powerful cultures of peace. We accomplish our mission through:

- Trainings worldwide with our award-winning curriculum;
- Skilled facilitation with families, communities, and in the workplace;
- Delegations and trainings in conflict and post-conflict zones;
- Advanced Training and Facilitator Mentorship;
- Publishing curricula and producing videos;
- Unique community building events;
- Services tailored for your needs.



MESSAGE FROM LEAH GREEN, FOUNDER & DIRECTOR:

Dear Friends: I can’t believe it’s our 20th Anniversary! I am filled with indescribable gratitude for the privilege of being of service these past 20+ years through the vehicle of Compassionate Listening. Thank you to the countless individuals who have played a part in the growth and evolution of this beloved work, including our remarkable group of facilitators, all those who have participated in trainings, purchased books and films, served on the board and in the office, and taken the practices into their lives and work in endlessly inspired and creative ways.

The Project was born in 1991 when I began leading Journeys to Israel and Palestine. I brought Compassionate Listening on board in 1996, when I sought out Gene Knudsen Hoffman as my mentor. Gene was practicing Compassionate Listening internationally after learning the concept from her teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh. Carol Hwoschinsky then joined me to dedicate the delegations to Compassionate Listening. We practiced connecting to the heart of each individual we listened to, from all sides of the conflict, including those considered extremists on each side. Our practices were birthed in the crucible of this seemingly intractable conflict, listening to Israelis and Palestinians separately and bringing them together to practice. Compassionate Listening is not a passive practice. It’s a bold and courageous way of living that honors our hearts as the greatest resource for peace that we have. It teaches us to speak from our hearts even when in deep pain and conflict, in ways that build connection, trust and healing.

Our work is now embedded around the world, in university classes, peace projects, organizations, communities, families and countless books. Our non-profit is small and we have never had a marketing budget. Our work spreads like all good things do, by word of mouth and heart-to-heart personal testimonies from participants.

This past year has been full of blessings. Because I’m still recovering from health issues and haven’t been able to travel (yet), I learned how to use the online platform, Zoom, and created a 7-week introductory CL training. Participants from five countries joined me for this maiden voyage, where exercises took place in intimate cyber “break-out rooms”. Previously, I thought we had to be in-person to learn Compassionate Listening, but I was wrong. With creativity and imagination, all of the exercises are adaptable to the on-line format. The potential is vast.

The other silver lining is that I finally have the time to work with people one-on-one and in small groups to train Compassionate Listening facilitators and those leading practice groups. This year we have a remarkable group of 10 new facilitators, in London, Montreal, Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon and Washington. It would take me pages to tell you what they are up to. This is the largest wave of new facilitators we’ve ever had. I’ve just hired one of our youngest new facilitators, Laurie Archbold, as our part-time managing director. Laurie is a skilled leader and brings her passion for the work and vision for new directions, including Compassionate Listening trainings in the wilderness, and taking Compassionate Listening to the next generation. Hiring Laurie also allows me to dedicate time to the book I am writing about my twenty years with Compassionate Listening.

Our mission is to support the growth of Compassionate Listening in the world. Today I am asking you with all of my heart to support our mission. We need to raise \$25,000 to make up the shortfall from our 2018 programs to bring Laurie on board and harness this new wave of energy, support our facilitators, and launch our new website and programs. It’s doable – we accomplished this several years ago with donations averaging \$50. Whether you can donate \$5,000 or \$50 or \$5, it all counts and there’s no such thing as a “small” donation.

I hope you feel moved to support us. We are continually moved by the powerful feedback we receive about the ways that CL has impacted your lives, families, communities and organizations. Let’s continue on!

Compassionately yours,

Leah Green, Director



Our work reached new and exciting places, including a 6-month practice group with students at Wilderness Awareness School, in Duvall, WA.

Welcoming Laurie Archbold!

It’s such a joy to announce Laurie as our new Managing Director. She brings a wealth of skills and is excited to work on a number of new projects and collaborations, including a new website to expand our reach. Your generosity will help fund Laurie’s position, support our facilitators, and expand our programs and our reach in the world. Thank you!



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