GGN LEGAL AND POLICIES · L14 · COMMUNITY AND SAFETY

Code of Conduct and Community Guidelines

How we treat one another in GGN programs, groups, and online spaces.

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Issued by	[GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME], doing business as The Global Grief Network
Applies to	Learners, students, educators, practitioners, volunteers, and staff in any GGN program, session, group, or online space
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Governing law	[GOVERNING STATE: Colorado, placeholder because GGN is based in Fort Collins, Colorado; attorney to confirm]
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1. Our shared promise

GGN spaces exist so that no one has to grieve alone. Every person and every loss is treated with dignity. These guidelines apply in live sessions, online groups, comments, and messages connected with GGN.

2. We will

- Listen without judgment and let each person grieve in their own way and time.
- Keep what others share in the group, and share only our own stories.
- Respect differences in culture, faith, identity, family, and the kind of loss.
- Speak from our own experience, and offer help or ideas only when invited.
- Take care of ourselves, including stepping away when we need to.
- Share crisis resources and tell a facilitator if someone may be at risk.

3. We will not

- Harass, threaten, shame, or discriminate against anyone.
- Diagnose, give medical or mental health treatment advice, or pressure anyone to make decisions.
- Sell, recruit, fundraise, or promote services in GGN spaces without permission.
- Record, screenshot, or share anyone's words, image, or story without their permission.
- Share graphic details of a death in a way that could harm others, or post content that encourages self-harm.
- Attend while under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs.

4. Facilitators and educators

GGN educators and practitioners also follow their GGN agreements, stay within scope, never describe GGN work as clinical care, and share 988 (call or text) and 911 in every program.

Need help now? In the United States, call or text **988** (988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline), any time. In an emergency, call **911**. Outside the United States, contact your local emergency number or crisis line, or visit findahelpline.com.

5. Reporting a concern

Tell the facilitator, or write to [GGN CONTACT EMAIL]. GGN reviews concerns fairly and privately. Responses may include a reminder, removal from a session or group, removal from a directory, or revocation of a certificate. Concerns about the Somatic program also follow the GGN Complaints and Grievance Policy.

PARTICIPANT

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Date _____

Electronic signatures and copies have the same effect as originals. In the fillable PDF, typing your full name in the Signature box is your electronic signature. [Attorney: confirm e-signature process.]

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