



2013 Families in Global Transition

2013 Conference New Attendees Orientation Webinar

Presenters:

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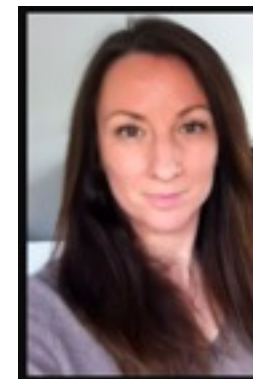
Maureen



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What is FIGT?

Originally conceived around a kitchen table by Ruth Van Renken, Tina Quick and Anne Copeland, FIGT (or Families in Global Transition, to give it's full title) is an organization whose stated aim is

“to promote the positive value of the international experience, and empowers the family unit and those who serve it before,



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What does FIGT do?

Brings together experts from around the globe - service providers, authors, cross-cultural trainers, expat coaches, expat partners, TCKs and CCKs - with unique experiences, but equal voices.

"WE ARE THE PLAYERS ON THE FIELD, NOT THE SPECTATORS IN THE STAND. WE HAVE MUCH TO GIVE EVEN AS WE CONTINUE TO HAVE MUCH TO LEARN."

**- RUTH VAN REKEN,
FOUNDER**



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FAQ

Is there a dress code?

- No, but most people wear business casual clothing. You will be sitting down for most of the time, but days are long, so wear comfortable clothing.
- The conference center is air conditioned, but the temperature outside is chilly (39F, 4C), so you'll need warm outerwear for walking to your hotel and to dinner.



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FAQ

Is there somewhere to charge electronics, and does the venue have WiFi?

There are not dedicated charging areas, but there are power outlets available. The venue has WiFi, so come prepared to Tweet, Share and Link and Blog...



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Are meals provided?

- Yes - breakfast and lunch are provided in the conference center on both days, dinner will be up to you.
- Coffee, tea and water are provided throughout the conference on a self serve basis. You are able to take drinks into the presentation, so bring a refillable bottle or travel mug.



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Help! I don't know anybody there!

Don't worry - FIGT is known for it's warm welcome! We have a Newcomer's Orientation on Thursday March 23rd at 7pm where you can meet some of the FIGT board, previous attendees and other new faces.

Use social media to introduce yourself; via Twitter (#FIGT13) and by Liking our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/figt.org>



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- Check out Judy Rickatson's excellent 10 point checklist for networking at FIGT
[http://figt.org/
networking_at_figt_conference](http://figt.org/networking_at_figt_conference)

Still trying to connect?

At the conference, look out for the Help Desk or a Board Member.



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FAQ

How do I find out more about the presenters?

- Check out their bios on the FIGT website, and connect with them on LinkedIn. Make sure that you mention you will be attending the FIGT conference.



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Thank you!