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Welcome to spring! It's already time to think about professional development for the summer. This year, in addition to our regular **New CFG Coaches' Training**, we are also offering an **Experienced Coaches' Training** that will take place July 9-11, 2012 in Bloomington, Indiana.

Why take an "Experienced Coaches' Training?" Imagine three days, surrounded by dedicated colleagues who have joined you to:

- hone facilitation skills,
- reflect deeply around Critical Friends Groups' best practices,
- learn new protocols,
- learn how to continue to offer quality experiences for their CFGs,
- get help for their professional and/or coaching dilemmas, and
- share experiences, skills, articles and new protocols with you that they have developed over the course of coaching their CFGs.

Exploring important issues with peers (such as equity and democracy) is a deeply gratifying practice. People tend to leave NSRF trainings not only with more tools in their toolbox, but also a feeling of professional renewal.

This summer's Experienced Coaches' Training happens simultaneously as our five-day New Coaches' Training. Both groups will mix at various times during the trainings, as well as lunch. It will be a great opportunity to make connections with educators all over the United States (and possibly beyond).

The agenda for these three days will be tailored to fit the needs of the participants who attend. To join, call 812-330-2702 or complete the form linked [here](#) and pay \$480 for your seat. This price includes a light breakfast, hot lunch and all materials needed for the seminar. Sign up early and let us know what you, as an experienced coach, most want to learn! (See more on page 9.)



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