

15th European Groupwork Symposium

York, 9th-11th September 2009

'Groups in communities, communities in groups'

Call for papers

Join us at this Symposium in exploring the use of groups and groupwork within established communities such as hospitals, day centres, therapeutic communities, prisons, schools, and many others.

How do these ideas, that of the 'community' and that of the 'group', complement or conflict with each other? Are they compatible? Can we make them work well together? *Examples of groupwork practice, where these and other relevant issues can be explained will be most welcome.*

Additionally, how can we help groups to become 'communities', building a sense of belonging, an identity, and a cause or purpose? How do some groups become communities, able to challenge and campaign for social justice, while providing a 'place' for those with similar needs and interests? *Again, we hope you will share your experiences and your thinking about the group that becomes a community.*

The Symposium Planning Group would like to hear from groupworkers from any setting or background who would like to contribute either:

- **A WORKSHOP.** You should provide a plan of how you intend to engage participants and make the workshop interactive. A workshop would usually take about one and a half hours.

- **A PAPER.** Either a short introductory piece describing an example of groupwork linked to the theme, with your critical reflections – should take about 20 minutes, with some time added for questions at the end. or

- **A MAJOR PAPER** exploring the Symposium themes theoretically or conceptually.

For all of these presentations you should be sensitive to a mixed audience (international, multiprofessional and multidisciplinary) and make sure that your work is accessible and anti-oppressive.

Please send your ideas for papers or workshops via an abstract of up to 250 words, which should be sent (preferably as an email attachment) to:

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Proposals should reach us by 31st March 2009.

For programme details when available, and to book a place if you just wish to attend, email: enquiries@whitingbirch.net or visit <http://www.whitingbirch.net/ip004.shtml>

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Individuals paying by personal means ----- £195.00 (inc VAT) (US\$275.00)
Students/small voluntaries/practitioners (with bursary) ----- £ 90.00 (inc VAT) (US\$150.00)

A discount of £25.00/US\$45.00 is available on the above rates for subscribers to Groupwork.

The Symposium fee includes attendance, all workshops and other sessions, coffee and tea and lunch.

Accommodation for the nights of 9th and 10th September is available on campus in single study bedrooms (not ensuite) at £30.00/US\$49.50 per night including breakfast. York also has a wide range of hotels from the most luxurious to simple guesthouses. As the conference will commence early on the 9th, delegates are advised to arrive the night before. Arrangements will be made for delegates to meet socially and to pre-register on the 8th.

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