The role of staff in a therapeutic community

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Tuesday 12th April 2016 (11am till 4pm)
Freud Museum, 20 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX

This is the first in the third series of TC Masterclasses being run by Community Housing and Therapy (CHT) at the Freud Museum in Hampstead. Each Masterclass provides an opportunity for therapeutic community practitioners - and others interested in a group based approach to the care and treatment of people in distress – to reflect on their clinical work from the perspective of psychoanalytic theory.

This seminar will explore the foundations of a therapeutic community approach informed by Lacanian psychoanalysis. Looking at key concepts in relation to the ‘work’ (psychic structure; discordance; absence; desire; knowledge; and the limits of speech) through an examination of (1) the inscription of new staff into a therapeutic community; (2) the notion of staff formation and how this ought to be fashioned; and (3) how staff can develop an analytic position within the community.

£25 (includes lunch)

Those wishing to attend should contact Ilaria Mancini on ia@cht.org.uk

John Gale is the CEO of Community Housing and Therapy (CHT). Formerly a Benedictine monk, John lectured in philosophy and church history. After leaving the priesthood, he trained as a psychotherapist and has worked in therapeutic communities in the voluntary sector for thirty years. He was the Clinical Director of CHT before being appointed to his present post. For a number of years John sat on the boards of The Homeless Fund and of the Association of Therapeutic Communities.

Currently John is the President of the International Network of Democratic Therapeutic Communities (INDTC), a director of The International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis (UK) and of The Consortium for Therapeutic Communities (TCTC). He is a member of the advisory panel of the Community of Communities programme at the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He was Development Editor and Deputy Editor of the journal Therapeutic Communities for seven years, and is currently a member of its International Editorial Advisory Group. He is also a member of the Scientific Committee of the journal Avances en Psicología Latinoamericana and of the reviewing panel of the British Journal of Psychotherapy. He was a member of the international advisory committee of the 11th World Congress of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and a member of the scientific committee of the 2nd International Conference on the social sciences at the Albanian University, Tirana. Currently he is a member of the scientific committee of the 2016 International Congress ‘The Intervention Triangle’ of the Romao de Sousa Foundation, Portugal. John regularly speaks at conferences and has contributed to and edited a number of books, and published over 20 articles in academic journals. He is particularly interested in the interface between philosophy, psychoanalysis and spirituality.
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