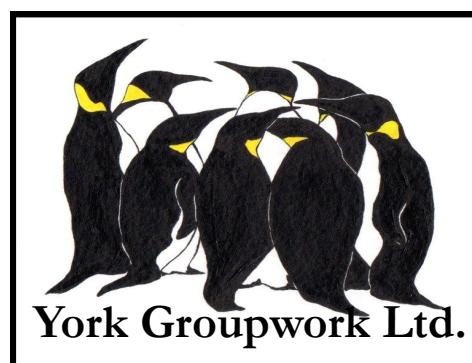


IGA Diploma in Groupwork Practice (York) Diploma Year

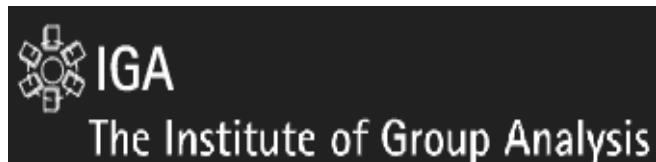
**For students who have completed
an IGA Foundation or Introductory
Course (or equivalent)**

**Thirteen Fridays and two Saturdays
between 4th October 2019 & 4th July 2020**

**Successful completion can lead to
Associate Membership of the IGA
as a Groupwork Practitioner**



in conjunction with



The diploma year follows on from the IGA foundation course, which students must usually have undertaken, either in York or elsewhere. In some cases, accredited prior learning may be acceptable (see IGA website). The two years of training do not need to follow one another.

The syllabus for the diploma year includes the theory and practice of group analysis; concepts of group therapy, including other approaches, applications of groupwork in health and social care and research & evaluation. Seminars are led by experienced practitioners in their fields. There will be five median groups, where the foundation and diploma years combine. Two work reflection group sessions in the afternoons provide the opportunity to apply ‘group analytic thinking in action’ to students’ own work in group settings. In April 2020, there is also a ‘National Learning Experience’ (NLE) event for all IGA Diploma students across the U.K.

Assessment of students’ work is undertaken through a combination of *written work* (a trial essay and two assessed essays), *a minimum attendance requirement* and a *report from the work reflection group supervisor*. Students are registered as student members of the IGA and have access to the library, a substantial virtual learning environment of relevant and other facilities. On successful completion of the diploma year, students receive the award of Diploma in Groupwork Practice and may apply to the IGA for Associate Membership as a Group Work Practitioner. This is subject to providing evidence of satisfactory clinical practice in running a group under external supervision. If students are not able to submit this evidence by the end of the course year, they have the opportunity to submit the clinical practice evidence and gain Groupwork Practitioner status at a later date.

Optional course components:

- ◊ Students are encouraged to be in group-analytic psychotherapy during the course. We offer an intensive therapy group option on the Saturday following the course day—see website for details.
- ◊ Students without workplace supervision for their groups may join a supervision group arranged by York Groupwork Ltd.

Closing Date for Applications: **Friday 20 September 2019**

Application process: Completion of an application form and panel interview with course staff and an external group analyst. There is a non-returnable application fee of £250 for this process, credited as a deposit against the course fee for successful applicants. Please discuss your application with the course convenor before applying. Those wanting to join a block therapy group will have a consultation with the group conductor, for which there is an additional fee.

Fees: No increase in fees from 2018-19!

Self-funding candidates have the option to pay by 9 monthly standing order payments of £320: - total course fee of £3,130 (including deposit of £250). *Organisations* pay a standard fee of £3,500 but receive a 25% discount on the second place if funding two people. Fees include NLE costs (except travel and accommodation). **Bursaries** are available: please see the York Groupwork website.

Dates: The course runs from 9.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., as follows:

Initial weekend: Friday 4 October – Saturday 5 October.

Fridays: 25 October, 15 November, 6 December, 3 & 24 January, 21 February, 13 March, 3 & 24 April, 15 May, 12 June.

Concluding weekend: Friday 3 July – Saturday 4 July.

Intensive Learning Experience: Friday 17 April (evening), Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 April (days). Venue: TBC.

Venue: We meet at the St Bede's Centre, Blossom Street, York, a well-equipped, accessible training facility five minutes walk from York Railway Station. Rail travel distances: Leeds (30 minutes), Sheffield (50 minutes), Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Peterborough & Hull (one hour), London (two hours).

“Personally and academically rich learning experience, which I have valued hugely.” (Clinical Psychologist)

“I have never felt so held, supported, encouraged in a learning environment before - an amazing experience.” (Senior Therapist - non degree holder)

“Powerful learning, academically & experientially.” (Consultant Psychiatrist)

Further training: Students who have undertaken appropriate group-analytic psychotherapy during the diploma will be eligible to apply for the Qualifying Course in Group Analysis, completed over a minimum of two and a half further years, with the opportunity to register with the United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy.

York Groupwork Ltd. was established in 2008 to develop group-analytic training in this region. More than 150 students have already undertaken our diploma and foundation courses and several hundred our regular introductory day and other workshops.

We seek to **promote equal opportunities and accessibility** to training. We work with applicants to support them in seeking funding for the course and will advise on bursaries available. As group analysts, we value difference, encourage an understanding of cultural diversity and seek to live out these values in our work.

Diploma Year Staff Team

Course Co-Convenor: Christopher Davies

Large Group Conductor: Chris Powell

Work Reflection Group Supervisors: Sally King, Sara Perren

Seminar leaders for the diploma year are senior clinicians specialising in their fields. Further information available on application.

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