

YORK GROUPWORK LTD.

Training Group Analyst (Block Therapy)

Currently, York Groupwork has two long term block therapy groups, conducted by Ewa Wojciechowska and Chris Holman. We now anticipate starting a third group in the Autumn. Therefore, we invite applications for the post of Training Group Analyst to conduct this new group.

The groups meet between September and July, on 16 Saturdays each year, with three group sessions between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., plus a two-session Friday evening, comprising 50 sessions in total. They are slow-open in nature, with membership drawn both from Diploma in Groupwork Practice current and former students, and ordinary members. York Groupwork Ltd staff are not involved clinically with the block therapy groups, but handle and signpost initial enquiries, manage the administration of room bookings and invoicing for fees etc.

Our usual venue is St Bedes Pastoral Centre, a short walk from York Railway Station. Since the recent restrictions, the therapy groups have been meeting via the '[Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)' portal and we expect this to continue for part of the 2020-21 year.

We are seeking applications from full IGA members who can demonstrate substantial experience of providing group analytic psychotherapy and who hold Training Group Analyst status with the IGA **or** are prepared to apply for this within one year of appointment.

The fee per three-session day is £315, plus travel expenses.

Responsibilities

1. Provide group-analytic psychotherapy to participants to students on the Diploma in Groupwork Practice and others.
2. Assess and prepare prospective members for the group.
3. Conduct 3 small analytic therapy groups per block day over 16 Saturdays p.a. and two additional sessions on one Friday p.a.
4. Liaise with the directors and administrator as required.
5. Undertake, by agreement, other activities associated with the role of training group analyst.

Appointment details

The appointment will be for one year in the first instance with a view to establishing a long-term commitment between the successful candidate and York Groupwork Ltd.

Accountable to: The Directors of York Groupwork Ltd.

Person Specification

Essential requirements

- Holds training group analyst status with the IGA or is prepared to apply within one year of appointment.
- Substantial experience of providing group analytic psychotherapy.

- Capacity to work independently whilst maintaining a good working relationship with the directors.
- Ability to reflect on own practice through their own appropriate, regular private supervision.
- Enthusiasm for and ability to work within a block therapy structure.
- Evidences a strong commitment to and involvement with group-analytic training.
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to promoting equality and respecting diversity.
- Able to conduct groups online via Zoom.
- Available for 2020/21 group dates.

Desirable requirements

- Has worked in a variety of different settings to appreciate the backgrounds of the patients.
- Experience of wide reading and theoretical understanding of group analysis.
- A demonstrated interest in the promotion of group analysis.

Group dates:

12 & 26 September 2020

24 October

14 November

5 December

9 & 23 January 2021

20 February

13 & 27 March

24 April

15 May

5 & 19 June

2*, 3 & 24 July (* Additional two Friday afternoon/evening sessions)

How to apply

For an informal discussion, please contact Sally King on 01904 633996.

Apply in writing by email or post, sending an up-to-date CV and covering letter explaining how you meet the requirements of the role, together with the names and contact details of two professional referees, to:

**Sally King & Christopher Davies,
Directors, York Groupwork Ltd,
31 St Paul's Square,
York YO24 4BD**

E-mail : christopherdavies@yorkgroupwork.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 11 September 2020

Interviews will be held online in the week beginning 14 September.

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