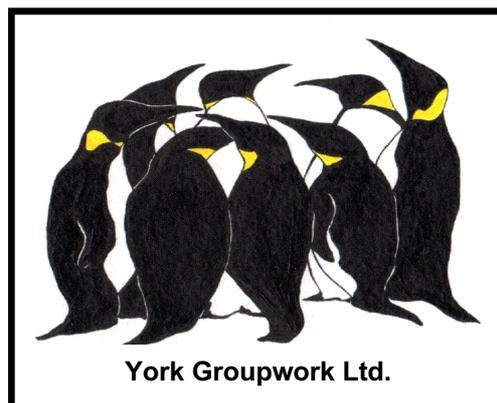


# **IGA Diploma in Groupwork Practice (York) Diploma Year**

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

**Thirteen Fridays and two Saturdays  
between 30 September 2022 & 24 June 2023**

**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 previously have undertaken, either in York or elsewhere. It is not a requirement that the two years of training immediately 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. The course includes a median group, 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 2023, there is also a 'National Learning Experience' (NLE) event for all IGA Diploma students across the U.K., held at one of the IGA course locations.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

**Application process:** Candidates complete an application form and attend an interview, involving both course staff and an external group analyst. There is a non-returnable application fee of £250 for this process, which is credited as a deposit against the course fee for successful applicants. Applicants are asked to discuss their application with the course convenor before sending in their application form and deposit. Those wishing to join the block therapy group will also have a consultation with the group conductor, for which a fee is payable.

### **Fees:**

*Self-funding* candidates have the option to pay by 9 monthly payments of **£350**: - total course fee of **£3,400** (including deposit of £250). *Organisations* pay a standard fee of **£3,700**, but receive a 25% discount on the second place if funding two people. Fees include NLE costs (except travel and accommodation).

Some bursaries are available: please see the website.

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

*Initial weekend:* Friday 30 September - Saturday 1 October.

*Fridays:* 21 October, 11 November, 2 December, 6 & 27 January, 17 February, 10 & 31 March, 21 April, 12 May, 2 June.

*Concluding weekend:* Friday 23 June - Saturday 24 June.

*National Learning Experience:* Dates 28-30 April. Venue: York

**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 highly.” (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 and experientially.”**

**(Consultant Psychiatrist)**

Students who have undertaken appropriate group-analytic psychotherapy during the Diploma are eligible to apply for the **Qualifying Course in Group Analysis**, completed over a minimum of two and a half further years, with the subsequent opportunity to register with the UKCP.

York Groupwork Ltd. was established in 2008 to develop group-analytic training in this region. More than 250 students have already undertaken our diploma and foundation courses and several hundred our regular introductory day and other workshops.

York Groupwork Ltd. seeks to promote accessibility to training for all. To this end, we will work with applicants to support them in seeking funding for the course. We offer a bursary scheme to those with low household income, together with a number of ‘community places’ (nominal fee payable) every year. As group analysts, we value difference, encourage an understanding of cultural diversity and seek to live out these values in our work.

### **Diploma Year Team (All Members of the IGA)**

Course Co-Convenor: Christopher Davies

Large Group Conductor: Chris Powell

Work Reflection Group Supervisor: Sara Perren

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

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