

# SOCIAL WORK LOST AND FOUND...

SHIFTING PROFESSIONAL IDENTITIES IN A  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY WORLD

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**Friday 13 March 2009**

Tavistock Centre, London

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**Fee: £135** (*£108 per person for groups of 3 or more*)

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Social Work has always been a psycho-social profession, adopting the perspective that people in difficulty are located in particular social contexts, which professionals need to recognise and take into account as they become involved in helping them. This is what makes the social work task and role distinctive - the linking of inner and outer worlds. It draws, for its theoretical underpinnings, upon psychology, sociology, politics, anthropology and other disciplines, and it has evolved its own distinctive value-base. The critical evaluation and reflective integration of ideas from these diverse areas and the capacity to listen to the voices of those using services has continued to inform the development of relevant methodologies for social work practice.

In recent times the approach taken by social workers has changed in response to influences such as the competence approach to education, the national occupational standards for practice and the introduction of audited case-management contact with clients. We are currently on the brink of an arguably more progressive transformative change linked to the Personalisation agenda that aims to offer more choice, control and independence to the group we have most recently thought of as 'service users'.

Interestingly, as the social work role and task has changed, other professionals (e.g. teachers, nurses, counsellors, psychotherapists, advocates and mentors) have discovered what social workers once knew and, in the process, have been involved in re-inventing the psycho-social wheel. So who are the social workers now? What are the opportunities for psycho-social relationship-based work in this new climate? Does the development of self-directed support present a chance for social workers to re-orientate approaches to practice and regain core aspects of the social work identity?

This participative conference will offer a chance for social workers to reconnect with social work roots and for colleagues from other interested disciplines to hear about 'lost and found' social work theories and practice that can inform current ways of thinking and working on the boundaries of people's inner and outer worlds.

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## PROGRAMME

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### 9.00 Registration and coffee

### 9.30 Welcome: Setting the Psycho-social Agenda

Julian Lousada, *Consultant Social Worker, Tavistock Clinic*

### 10.00 Particles in an Ocean and Waves of Care: Social work, professional/service user systems and the flows of relationships and practices

Harry Ferguson, *Professor of Social Work, Nottingham University*

### 10.45 Coffee break

### 11.15 Presentations from Practice

Four teams will present a brief overview of the organising ideas and principles behind their service that they provide

- Hackney's Reclaim Social Work Team
- Westminster's Remodeling Social Work Team
- 'Personalisation' Team
- The Tavistock Parents and Carers Consultation Service

### 12.30 Service User Voice: Living and Learning Together

### 1.00 Lunch

### 2.00 Workshops: Linking the Inner and Outer World: Psycho-social Practice

Small groups to interrogate the four models through a case study and raise questions for the panel to consider the implications of the models on the social work identity, practice and theoretical orientation

### 3.00 Tea break

### 3.30 Question Time Discussion

### 4.15 Final Plenary

### 4.30 Close

# APPLICATION FORM

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