The Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Presents

A CLINICAL CONFERENCE WITH

Dr Anne Alvarez

A Psychoanalytic Perspective on Working with Autistic, Borderline, and Hard to Reach Children

Saturday 28 January 2012 @ 9.00 am-5.00 pm

Pearse Hotel
99-107 Pearse Street
Dublin 2

This conference has been awarded 6 CPD points by the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy section of the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP)
CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION
This is a multidisciplinary conference relevant to practitioners in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, psychology, psychiatry, psychotherapy, social work, the creative arts therapies and childcare teams working with autistic, borderline and hard to reach children and adults. Anne Alvarez is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist in the Child and Family Department, Tavistock Clinic, London. Her keynote lecture will address technique and different levels of work/engagement with autistic and hard to reach children.

KEYNOTE LECTURE
Levels of Analytic Work and Levels of Pathology: The Work of Calibration
This attempt to formulate a schema of three levels of analytic work arose from the failure to reach extremely damaged children or adolescents with the more usual explanatory (Freud 1893-95) or locating (Klein 1946) interpretations. These patients seemed not to be able to manage spatial, temporal and causal ‘two- tracked thinking’. (Bruner 1968). Ego weakness led them to be easily overwhelmed by ‘why-because’ or ‘who-you’ interpretations. Historical developments in levels of interpretation from Freud on may thus need to be reversed to take psychopathological and developmental priorities into account. A second, lower, level, that of containment or empathic description of the simple ‘whatness’ or ‘isness’ of experience (Winnicott 1953; Bion 1962; Joseph 1978; Stern 1985) may be needed with fragmented, under-integrated, or overwhelmed patients. In even more severe cases, where the sense of both self and the other is very weak, a third — more intensified — level of work may be necessary. This level — which makes use of a counter-transference sense of urgency with patients in states of severe chronic dissociation, despairing apathy, or a certain ‘undrawn’ subtype of autism — may serve to recall the cut-off person to himself and to life, via a sort of ‘Hey there’.

PLENARY SPEAKER

SCHEDULE
9.00 am  Registration
9.30 am  Welcome and Introductions
9.45 am  Lecture by Dr Anne Alvarez: Levels of Analytic Work and Levels of Pathology: The Work of Calibration
10.40 am  Questions and Brief Discussion
11.00 am  Tea and Coffee Break
11.20 am  Multidisciplinary Panel Discussion
12.20 pm  Plenary Discussion
1.00 pm   Lunch
2.00 pm   Case Presentation: Pauline McMahon, Child Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist, The Family Trauma Centre, Belfast
3.30 pm   Tea and Coffee Break
3.50 pm   Multidisciplinary Reflective Discussion Groups (Facilitators include practitioners from psychoanalytic psychotherapy, psychology the creative arts and other disciplines)
4.30 pm   Feedback from Groups and Final Words from Anne Alvarez
4.55 pm   Thanks and Closing Remarks: Dr Aoife Twohig, Chairperson, Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy

RECOMMENDED READING
Links to recommended reading will be provided on receipt of registration fee

REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION
The registration fee for this event is:
€85 general admission
€50 students/trainees

TEA & COFFEE AND LUNCH
Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided free of charge in the morning and afternoon breaks. Snack lunch is available in the hotel otherwise there are some cafes nearby.

REGISTRATION
Please complete the registration overleaf and send with your payment. Cheques, postal orders or bank drafts should be made payable to ‘The Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy’, and posted to Ann Daly, IFCAPP Conference, 73 Quinn’s Road, Shankill, County Dublin. Payment of the registration fee secures a place at the conference. Include your name and email address as receipt of payment will be confirmed by email. Please note early registration is advised.

VENUE
The Pearse Hotel is located at 99-107 Pearse St near the Grand Canal Dock. For directions, see http://www.pearsehotel.com/location.html

PARKING
There is no parking available at the Pearse Hotel but adequate parking is available for reasonable all day rates at a number of car parks within easy walking distance.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Luas: The Spencer Dock stop is 7-minutes walk. DART: The hotel lies mid-way between Grand Canal Dock and Pearse Street dart stations.
BOOKING FORM
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