

# Mask, Myth and Authenticity in Groups and Organisations

# A GROUP RELATIONS RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

## Saturday 3 - Sunday 4 March 2018

Ufford Park, Woodbridge IP12 1QW

### Find out more

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Fee: £775 (a discounted rate of £650 is available to University of Essex students).

Early bird date: 15 January 2018

The fee includes accommodation and all meals throughout the Conference.

An 'early bird' discount of £50 is applicable if registering before 15 January 2018.

The conference will include a training group for people who have previously been members of Group Relations Conferences. Fee £875

We live in a rapidly changing world in which organisations are constantly shaped and altered. Organisations influence their members knowingly and unknowingly with their cultures, assumptions, values and expectations.

At the same time, there has been much talk of 'fake news' and 'fakery'. In these turbulent times, it is also important to understand the part we play in influencing organisations and society.

This residential conference is based on the principle of learning from experience in the 'here and now', and the belief that change in organisations requires exploration of unconscious as well as conscious processes.

### **Outcomes**

The conference will help participants to understand the masks we wear and the myths and fears we perpetuate and develop in groups, which can stifle authenticity and our desire to work together.

Change or doing things differently can feel risky and there is always apprehension in giving up tried and familiar ways of working, even if they don't really satisfy, in order to try out something new or different. A goal of the conference is to support you in gaining greater satisfaction and direction in you working and personal lives, and more awareness of your own capacity for authenticity, creativity and imagination.

### **Participants**

The conference is suitable for all who are interested in developing their understanding of group and organizational life. In particular, practitioners, and service leads in human service organisations.

Conference Director: Dr Simon Tucker

**Associate Conference Director:** Dr Kathy Harrington

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