

Understanding and Working with Adolescents

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Glasgow
21 January to 1 April 2011
3.00pm – 6.00pm

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Overview

This established course is designed to provide ways of thinking about the adolescent phase of the life cycle in order to facilitate direct work with young people. Psychoanalytic theory is used to throw light on the complex adjustments to physical and social changes which constitute the major tasks of adolescence. The course focuses on gaining understanding of the dilemmas which confront all young people. These can create great strains for some individuals and result in developmental delays, problematic behaviours and sometimes serious mental illness.

Accreditation

The course has been accredited by the University of Strathclyde for 15 credit points towards the MSc/Diploma in Therapeutic Skills with Children and Young People.

Course Content

The length of the course is 10 weeks, divided into two, five week sections. Each seminar is 3 hours long, divided into a reading seminar and work discussion seminar. Those following the accreditation route will be required to submit a 3000 word essay. Participants are expected to set aside individual time for reading and preparation of work material for seminars and independent study.

Seminar Leaders

Dr Debbie Hindle, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, trained at the Tavistock Clinic, experienced clinician and teacher who has published widely about on adolescent issues.

Mrs Susan Maciver, School Counsellor, James Gillespie's High School in Edinburgh, Supervisor, Trainer, Senior Adult Psychodynamic Counsellor, Child and Adolescent Counsellor, Scottish Institute of Human Relations.

Aims and Objectives

1. To understand more about the mental processes which operate during adolescence. understanding the emotional impact of working with young people,
2. To increase understanding about the adolescent task of separation and individuation.
3. To help develop skills in understanding the communication of adolescents.
4. To develop skills in understanding the emotional impact of working with young people, and to use this to help formulate treatment programmes and appropriate support for them.
5. To reflect on one's work with adolescents in terms of roles within an organisation and agency.
6. To develop an understanding of psychodynamic theories and their application to work with young people.
7. To develop skills in assessing, reviewing and evaluating work with young people and their families.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course participants will have developed an understanding

- of a psychodynamic model of adolescence
- of emotional and personality development at this stage
- of collaborative working with other professionals

In addition they will be able

- to observe and reflect on the interactions between self and others
- to understand the impact of factors such as setting, task, boundaries
- to differentiate between normal and more problematic adolescent states of mind
- to decide which interventions are appropriate

Membership

The course is aimed at professionals in a variety of settings (voluntary and statutory) who have substantial experience of working with young people and are interested to deepen their understanding of conscious and unconscious process. These may include doctors, social workers, nurses, teachers, counsellors and children's reporters. Some knowledge of psychodynamic ideas is helpful but is not essential.

Costs

The course cost is £650.00. Applicants will be invoiced for the full course fee upon acceptance of application. In the event of cancellation prior to the start date a £50 administration charge will be levied. Please note that course fee invoices will be sent out with acceptance of applications/offer of place letters with payment due no later than the mid point of the course.

For accreditation with the University of Strathclyde an additional charge will be made.

Venue, Dates and Times

SIHR, 5 La Belle Place, Glasgow G3 7LH
10 Fridays 21 January to 1 April 2011 (NB: no class 18 February)
3.00 – 6.00 pm

Applications

Completed application forms should be returned by **2 December 2010** to:

Course Administrator
Understanding and Working with Adolescents Course
SIHR, 172 Leith Walk, Edinburgh EH6 5EA

Course Members will be limited to 14 participants.

APPLICATION FORM

UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS - starting 21 January 2011

NAME	
ADDRESS	
Email	
Contact Tel. Numbers	

Current Job Title and Work Experience

Previous work and training experience (and relevant qualifications)

Reasons for Applying for this Course

Name, address and telephone number of work colleague / manager who will support your application.

Invoicing Details (if different from overleaf):

NAME	
ORGANISATION / ADDRESS	
Purchase Order Number [if required and attached]	
Tel. No.	

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Applicant Signature:

Date:

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Course Outline

1. Setting adolescence in context
[21 January 2011]
2. The inner world and its roots in infancy
[28 January 2011]
3. Psychoanalytical concepts and some applications
[4 February 2011]
4. Oedipal issues relating to the family context: difficulties in growing up
[11 February 2011]

NO CLASS – 18 February 2011

5. Exploring psychotherapeutic approaches to work with adolescents
[25 February 2011]
6. Looked after children
[4 March 2011]
7. Disturbances of adolescence; depression and self harm
[11 March 2011]
8. Disturbances of adolescence 2; eating disorder, sexual, physical and emotional abuse
[18 March 2011]
9. Delinquency in adolescence
[25 March 2011]
10. Organisations and their impact upon adolescents, workers and carers
[1 April 2011]



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