

Notes for contributors

Articles are welcome from all those who work with groups in any discipline: whether practitioners, trainers, researchers, users, or consultants. Accounts of innovations, research findings on existing practice, policy issues affecting groupwork, and discussions of conceptual developments are all relevant. Groupwork with clients, users, professional teams, or community groups fall within our range.

Length: Full length articles; normally of around 4500 words, should show the context of practice and relate this to existing knowledge. We also accept brief contributions which need focus only on the issue at hand.

Presentation: Contributions should be double spaced with wide margins and all pages numbered in three hard copies. The name(s) of the author(s) should not appear in the text. Instead, a cover sheet should be sent with the title, the name of the author(s), and a correspondence address (when possible, email address is most welcome). A summary of approximately 200 words should also be provided.

We use a modified Harvard system of referencing. References within the text should be cited by giving the author's name and year of publication, eg. (Smith, 1928). Specific page numbers should be cited after a direct quotation. Those works cited in the text (and no others) should be listed at the end of the text in alphabetical order by author's name using the journal's standard conventions:

Further details on manuscript submissions may be obtained from the publishers.

Assessment: All articles are submitted to peer review by two assessors, and the editor takes final responsibility for the decisions that follow.

Articles and enquiries should be sent to the Editors, c/o Pamela Trevithick, Senior Lecturer, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, 8 Priory Road Bristol BS8 1TZ, UK. Pam.Trevithick@bristol.ac.uk

13th European Groupwork Symposium

'Out of the Shadows: Putting Groupwork on the Map'

St John College, York, 3rd-4th September 2007

'The Symposium met all my expectations - the best conference I have been to in a long time.' (on the 2006 Symposium)

'I was challenged and changed and positive - unlike any other conference in terms of my growth.' (on the 2005 Symposium)

Call for Papers

Groupwork has much to offer as a mainstream activity in the human services. It is a powerful and empowering form of practice. What can we learn from examples of groupwork emerging out of the shadows? How can we best promote groupwork as first amongst equals? Join this symposium, share your experiences, emerge re-energised.

If you are interested in leading a workshop or presenting a paper (either of about 1½ hours), you should submit a summary of no more than 250 words indicating the style of presentation you intend to adopt and the maximum number of participants. A brief professional resumé should also be enclosed.

Proposals should be sent as email attachments to Mark Doel, Research Professor of Social Work, Sheffield Hallam University, (m.doel@shu.ac.uk) to arrive by 27th April 2007

NEEDS-ABC

A needs acquisition and behaviour change model for group work and other psychotherapies

Tom Caplan

April 2007, ISBN 9781861770530, £17.95 / US\$35.00

This book describes the NEEDS-ABC Model, developed by the author, and elucidates how the model can be used for group, family, couple and individual therapies.

The NEEDS-ABC Model was originally developed at the McGill Domestic Violence Clinic. It uses an integrated therapeutic approach combining observation and elucidation of client and group process, using concepts also described in cognitive-behavioural, motivational, narrative and emotion-focused models.

The Model emphasises the theme-based relational needs behind maladaptive behaviours, rather than the behaviours themselves, and by its flexibility in terms of application to clients in a range of personal and therapeutic settings.

NEEDS-ABC: A needs acquisition and behaviour change model for group work and other psychotherapies is a valuable, accessible contribution to the field of psychotherapy. It is just as suitable for use as a text for students in the field, as for qualified practitioners with an interest in expanding their knowledge base and enhancing their service to their clients.

NEEDS-ABC: A needs acquisition and behaviour change model for group work and other psychotherapies has been written in a wholly accessible manner, making it applicable to a wide public within the field of psychotherapeutic care of clients engaging in group, couple and marriage therapy. It is based on decades of actual practice with these clients and offers an approach to emotional healing that can be adapted to a wide range of circumstances. Extensive use of carefully written case studies elucidates the key points and considerations in the book.

NEEDS-ABC: A needs acquisition and behaviour change model for group work and other psychotherapies is the first title in the new Groupwork Book Series to be published by Whiting and Birch. The book will be printed in England and North America simultaneously, and will be available from bookshops, Amazon, or direct from the publishers.

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