

Back to the Future: Authority, vulnerability, continuity and change

A Group Relations Conference celebrating 100 years of Tavistock Thinking: 10-12 July 2020



In 2020, a year of centenary celebrations, the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust is pleased to invite you to this Group Relations Conference, marking a 100 years of Tavistock thinking. Back to the future is a 1980's film in which the protagonist has to go back to the past to help with the present. One can immediately see the link to the influence of the historical Tavistock enterprise on our ways of doing things now. The Tavistock Clinic began in 1920 with its work on 'shell shock' and trauma, and developed an awareness of the role of unconscious in our understanding of the mind, our relationships and group functioning (Bion, 1960). Further developments of attachment, systems theory, group psychotherapy and consultancy are significant areas of work within the Trust and relevant to the group relations model.

This is a three-day non-residential conference. There are no formal lectures but instead a series of events, which provide an opportunity for experiential learning.

This group relations conference aims to help participants (members) explore:

- Their capacity to exercise authority, to take up leadership and also followership
- The functioning of organisations and their role within them
- The relationship between an organisation and its cultural, political and economic environment
- The unconscious processes that may cause resistance to change or impact creativity and innovation
- The impact of difference – age, nationality, ethnicity, class, gender and sexual orientation – on experience

Co-Directors:
Maxine Dennis and
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Timing:
Friday 10 July,
Saturday 11 July,
and Sunday 12 July
Daily 9am to 7.30pm

Cost:
£475

Venue:
Tavistock Centre
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