



Saturday 10th May 2008

**WORKSHOP:
SURFACING THE UNEXPLORED
Issues for Black Leadership and White Organisations**

10:00am - 2:30pm

**Registration and refreshments
from 9:30am -10:00am**

**Connaught Hall,
University of London
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9EX**

Fee: £60 (OPUS Associates £30)

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Presented by: Agnes Brian and Frank Lowe

Chaired by: David Lawlor, Member OPUS Public Events Committee

Dr Agnes Bryan is a Management and Organisation Consultant, Trainer and psychotherapist working, independently, part-time. She also works part-time at the Tavistock Centre doing clinical work as well as Training for the past 7 years. Amongst other teaching responsibilities she is co-organiser of the 'Black Leadership in White Organisation' course and Course Organiser for a new course in 'Strategic Leadership and Management'.

Frank Lowe is a Consultant Social Worker and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist at the Tavistock Clinic, where he teaches on a number of courses and has been the co-organiser of the 'Black Leadership in White Organisations' Course, which has been running at the Tavistock for the past 5 years. He also runs a private practice as a Psychotherapist and Management Consultant.

The organizational and leadership culture of most organizations in Britain today is white. One of the many consequences of this is the invisibility of the experiences and challenges faced by black managers and leaders in such environments. Another is that although some black people have gained access to management and senior leadership positions, organizational leadership especially at the highest levels has

remained overwhelmingly dominated by white males in all sectors of society.

This presentation will explore the prevalent blindness to the 'whiteness' of organizational and leadership cultures and the implications of this for black and white leaders. It will surface a number of experiences and challenges that are rendered invisible in white organizations and invite participants to engage with some of the below the surface issues for black and white leaders and their staff.

A particular aim, of the seminar is to, identify factors which prevent black staff from making a positive contribution to their organisation, develop their potential as leaders and allow them to bring value to the organisation.

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