

A tribute to the work of Cormac Gallagher Dublin, 30th November – 1st December 2018



The symptom of the psychoanalytic group and the transmission of psychoanalysis

The School of Psychotherapy at St. Vincent's University Hospital and UCD School of Medicine will hold a two-day international conference on 30th November – 1st December 2018 in UCD Belfield, Dublin. The topic of the conference addresses the challenge for those in the field of psychoanalysis to follow psychoanalysis and to accurately represent it so that it can be encountered and can intervene effectively in 21st century civilisation and its discontents.

Psychoanalysis offers a very specific practice position for the treatment of mental suffering. It provides a rigorous theoretical basis which articulates mental phenomena both normal and pathological. It is founded on the account of the dynamics of unconscious mental functioning proposed in the work of Sigmund Freud. It requires its practitioners undergo an extensive experience of psychoanalysis. With these fundamentals in mind how can psychoanalytic practitioners and the psychoanalytic group carry out the task of transmitting the knowledge and experience of psychoanalysis to other practitioners in the field of the mental, as well as generally?

Freud discovered early in his work that resistance accompanies the work of analysis 'step by step'. Psychoanalysts are not off the hook regarding resistance. Do psychoanalytic groups risk joining other forces of explicit denigration in forming around collective resistance to the psychoanalytic field, to what Freud opened up? How best can a psychoanalytic group carry out the task of representation to provide a potential encounter with the field, with subjectivity? Can there be a symptom of the group which can advance the field creatively, productively and at the same time psychoanalytically?

The conference will hear constructive discussion in response to these questions. It will have very strong relevance for any practitioner in the field of the mental who grapples with a question about the theoretical basis and clinical direction of their practice. The conference will include contributions from psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, psychotherapists and group analysts.

The conference is a tribute to the work of Cormac Gallagher which launched and has grown Lacanian psychoanalysis in Ireland through his practice, his teaching, his setting up, with colleagues, the School of Psychotherapy in St. Vincent's University Hospital and his internationally valued translations of the work of Jacques Lacan (www.lacaninireland.com).

Speakers include: Jean Allouch (Paris), Gérard Amiel (Grenoble), Terry Ball (Dublin), Maria Belo (Lisbon), Hervé Bouchereau (Montreal), Mary Cullen (Dublin), Tom Dalzell (Dublin), Marion Deane (Dublin), Donat Desmond (Derry), Christian Fierens (Brussels), Peter Gunn (Melbourne), Tony Hughes (Dublin), Jacques Laberge (Recife), Terence Larkin (Dublin), Guy Le Gaufey (Paris), Robert Levy (Paris), Patricia McCarthy (Dublin), Malachi McCoy (Dublin), Charles Melman (Paris), Gerard Moore (Dublin), Barry O'Donnell (Dublin), C. Edward Robins (New York), Helen Sheehan (Dublin), Brendan Staunton (Dublin), Shay Ward (Dublin)

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