

An invitation from Psychotherapists and Counsellors for Social Responsibility
and the Alliance for Counselling and Psychotherapy

THE BIG ISSUES

Addressing the crisis in psychotherapy and counselling

A day conference at Resource for London, Holloway Road N7

Sept 26th 2015

10am to 5pm

Donation: £10 in advance, £20 on the door

This event is intended as an opportunity for practitioners to express their concerns about the current direction of counselling and psychotherapy, and to discuss plans for action.

Examples of relevant issues are:

- What's happening to therapy in the public sector – IAPT, NICE, the privileging of CBT, and the possible resurrection of state regulation.
- The volunteering system which expects trainees and new graduates to work for free in order to 'get their hours'. Do we need a Union?
- Developments and distortions in the professional organisations which diminish the importance laid on the values of psychotherapy and counselling (for example, BACP's proposed new Ethical Framework), and which fail to deal adequately with the diversity and equality challenges constellated by ethnicity/race, sexuality, class, disability and other issues.
- Is therapy a force for adaptation to capitalism, or for a critique of it? How do we react to the current impoverishment of ordinary people, the devastating impact of austerity on our communities, and the continuing transfer of wealth to the already wealthy?
- Innovative approaches to therapy which question traditional ideas of expertise and containment: ecopsychology, relational approaches inside and outside the consulting room, new thinking about the role of the client, developments in the arts and body psychotherapies, the psychological commons, free/low cost therapy.

These are only examples – the day will start with an 'open mike' session giving everyone the opportunity briefly to state the issues closest to their own heart. From this a set of key issues will be drawn, leading to further discussion and hopefully ideas for action.

For booking information please email septemberevent.pcsr@gmail.com and see the attached booking form.

**If you care about the future of counselling and psychotherapy,
please come!**

The Big Issue(s): Addressing the Crisis in Psychotherapy and Counselling

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