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How can Psychotherapy Contribute to World Peace?

Saturday February 11th 2006, London, 2.30-6.0pm

Since Confer began offering CPD in 1998 approximately 3,000 psychotherapists, counsellors, psychiatrists and psychologists have attended our events – a statement in itself about the enormous commitment of this professional community to on-going learning and discussion.

At our events we focus on the ideas and work of our expert speakers. But what happens to the untapped volumes of insight that reside within the participants' own rich experience and knowledge about psychotherapy and life? Concerned to open up our discussions in a more inclusive way we are introducing a new model for Confer events to run alongside our more traditional seminars and conferences, which creates a space for every participant to contribute their own insight to a particular psychotherapeutic theme.

This does not involve public speaking but simply participating in a conversation with small groups of colleagues that is focused on a particular, important question. The model is called a 'cafe conversation' and is rapidly becoming a global method of creating change. It rests on the principles that change arises from conversation, that strategic questions encourage collective learning and that collectively we have all the wisdom and resources to impact on important social or professional issues. Following 2 brief contributions we will consider the question in groups of 4, moving from group to group in a structured and facilitated process that works towards either a course of action or another question.

"The World Café is both a simple methodology and a powerful metaphor for understanding and working with the complex processes by which we collectively construct our world."

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To help us elaborate the question we will have 2 expert participants:

Dr David Francis is a lecturer in the Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford and Director of the Africa Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. He has led and participated in high-level consultative missions to South Africa, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Ethiopia.

Iris Singer is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist, and out-going Clinical Director of the Institute of Psychotherapy and Social Studies. She writes and speaks at conflict resolution conferences offering a psychoanalytic critique of the Middle East conflict. She was recently invited to participate in a group for the British Parliamentary Ministry for Peace (now Department) and has been privileged to learn from the Palestinian Israeli Bereaved Parents Circle.

Hosts: **Richard Hawkes**, Organisation Development Manager for Slough Borough Council and **Jane Ryan**, Director of Confer

Venue: London N7 (precise details will be confirmed with receipt)

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