

Engaging Our Community

July 3rd – 5th 2015

NCTL Nottingham



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year, and at this frosty time of year bring some warmth to the UKAGP members and friends.

This comes in the form of details about our **2015 Summer Residential Conference between 3rd & 5th July at the National College for Teaching and Leadership, University of Nottingham.**



Conference

'Engaging Our Community' 3-5 July 2015, is a conference that is forming from the seeds sown in our previous conferences: 'Nourishing Our Community' in 2013 and 'Enriching Our Community' in 2014. We aim to provide a space for people to come together and explore engagement within the organisation, and the wider Gestalt community and out in the wider fields that we are all part of.

Members of UKAGP are already actively engaging by taking part in the Conference Organising Group (COG) and its working groups which together are now busy developing and planning a stimulating programme. We hope to continue in this spirit with a creative and thought-provoking conference, with time for dialogue, the emergent process, and hopefully inspiration in preparing the ground for continuity and engagement beyond.

Further details of invited speakers will follow soon, and the COG both invite and encourage you to take advantage of the **early bird discounted rates available now and until Friday 3rd April, to benefit from the 10% discounted rate.**

Workshops

We warmly invite you to consider submitting a proposal to facilitate a workshop at this conference. If you feel energised by the ideas of engagement, if you feel inspired to connect theory and practice with this theme, if you have been waiting for an opening to share your experience of engaging with the wider community, then now is the moment to mobilise.

Whether you are a well-practised workshop facilitator, Gestalt writer, new professional or trainee, UKAGP welcomes and supports you in stepping forward to offer a workshop that engages with the theme to enhance the experience of an integrated conference experience.

There are time and space limitations to the number that can be accepted, and we will be looking to accept those which connect with the theme and together provide an interesting range. We are also keen to encourage and support those who have not previously led a conference workshop before. We will be contacting trainees with ideas of how they can be supported to take this step.

Please go to:

<http://www.ukagp.org.uk/conferences/nottingham>

to download a workshop application form, which we ask you to submit by 3rd April. Any further queries please email: **conference@ukagp.org.uk**

Saturday 4th July - "Ceilidh"

You are welcomed to the conference Ceilidh (Kay- Lee) which will form our Saturday night entertainment.

Ceilidh is a traditional Scottish or Irish term for a self-led evening of music, dance and verse.

We invite your contributions to our evening of home-grown merriment and mirth. Do you have a favourite poem to read, a short story /polemic or whimsy? A song or musical item to share, nifty dance steps or an unusual joke?

Please send an outline of your proposed contribution, it's title, type of activity, performance length and any additional requirements to Jon Blend at: jon.blend335@gmail.com



Fertile Void

Following the success and appreciation of the Fertile Void space at our last residential conference, we will once again schedule a series of spaces during the conference timetable where you can respond to what emerges in the here and now, in your own unique and individual way.

Be that a walk, continuing discussions inspired in a workshop, creating a singing group, researching Robin of Loxley, visiting Trent Bridge Cricket Ground or having a sleep.....it's up to you.

Process Group Facilitators Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to facilitate process groups during the conference. Groups will meet three times during the conference for approx. 1 hour gatherings.

If you are interested in facilitating a group, please contact Jane Flint for an application form: janeflint52@gmail.com

Booking Your Place Now

Booking can be made using any of the following methods:

- 1) Using the booking form in the following pages.
- 2) Or on the UKAGP site at: <http://www.ukagp.org.uk/conferences/nottingham>
- 3) At Eventbrite: copy and paste the following link into a browser, and complete the form.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-our-community-tickets-15385976871>

You will see that the Eventbrite booking page has an option for a 'promotional code'. If you are a UKAGP member you can enter 'member' to gain your 10% discount and as students can enter 'student' to gain your 15% discount.

Social Engagement

To support the Conference we will be starting a LinkedIn Group and creating a Twitter feed to keep you posted of further developments and conference updates.

Join the **LinkedIn** group **"UKAGP 2015 Summer Residential Conference 3 - 5 July 2015 Nottingham, UK"**, and we will share the Twitter feed handle / # tag shortly.

Please do 'join & follow' so we can keep you advised of all Conference developments.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nottingham and 'Engaging Our Community'.

Warmly,

The UKAGP Conference Organising Group

PS - don't forget that the conference also counts as over 20 hrs towards your annual CPD accrual.



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Please submit by 3rd April, direct to conference@ukagp.org.uk

Title of Workshop:

Summary/Outline of Workshop:

How does your suggestion connect with the conference theme 'Engaging Our Community'?

Equipment/Room Set-Up Required:

Minimum/maximum number of participants:

Contact Details:

Name:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Skype Address: