



IICP Education & Training

Foundation Certificate Course in Understanding the Therapeutic Power of Play. April 14, to June 16 2012 (6 sessions held on Saturdays – non consecutive)

INTRODUCTION

This course comprises of a series of six one day sessions. The aim of the course is to enable students to effectively and safely integrate creative play therapy skills into their practice with clients. The course has been designed to enhance professional skills, increase understanding and knowledge of the creative play process in a therapeutic practice, develop the skills necessary to support clients in their quest for emotional healing, provide the skills needed to help alleviate behaviour and mental health problems, assist students' personal process and development. The programme is integrative in design allowing for both non directive and directive approaches to the creative play therapeutic process. The course content is integrative and based upon the theory and practice of humanistic, person centred and integrative approaches.

AIMS

- To provide an understanding of children's play and play needs from a developmental perspective.
- To explore children's use of play as a means of processing life experiences.

(This course does not provide a qualification in working therapeutically through play, but will provide an introduction to an understanding of the power of play as a therapeutic tool.)

OBJECTIVES

- To provide an understanding of the normal sequence of play development from birth onwards.
- To give a brief introduction to theories of developmental play.
- To examine ways of supporting normal play development and enhancing play development in children who are experiencing difficulties.
- To introduce basic therapeutic play skills.

All sessions will have a strong experiential component. A reading list will be provided with suggested readings relevant to each module.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The course is suitable for counsellors and psychotherapists, social workers, psychologists, teachers, community workers and others working within the caring professions.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

The core ethos of IICP is to provide a student centred, warm and supportive learning environment. The programme is highly interactive, experiential and taught through lectures, small group work and role-play.



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MODULE 1

Introduction: What is play?
Infancy: Playful attachment
Communication, empathic attunement and the growth of attachment; the role of play in infant development.

MODULE 2

The early years: sensory play and embodiment.
The child's use of the senses to learn about himself and his world.

MODULE 3

Social play and expanding horizons.
Children's social development through play from the pre school years to middle and late childhood.

MODULE 4

Creative Play: Let's Pretend.
The growth of imagination, the use of drama and stories. The value of pretend play as a coping skill.

MODULE 5

Creative Play: Art Activities
Exploring developmentally appropriate art activities. How to support creativity through art.

MODULE 6

Creative Play: Music and Movement
The use of music and movement as a non verbal means of exploration and expression of emotion.

MODULE 7

Playing to Heal
Introduction to therapeutic play skills: how to support children's play.
This module will draw together all the strands of developmental play covered in the previous modules.

MODULE 8

Introduction to therapeutic play skills cont'd.
Using a non directive approach when playing with children.
Working with special populations.

AWARD: Foundation Certificate in the Power of Therapeutic Play and transcript detailing continuing professional development hours accumulated and a list of the modules covered.

VENUE

IICP Education and Training, Killinarden Enterprise Park, Killinarden, Dublin 24

COST: €850.00

SCHEDULE OF DATES:

1. Saturday 14 April 2012, 10am to 4.30pm (9.30am for registration, Day 1)
2. Saturday 28 April 2012, 10am to 4.30pm
3. Saturday 12 May 2012, 10am to 4.30pm
4. Saturday 26 May 2012, 10am to 4.30pm
5. Saturday 2 June 2012, 10am to 4.30pm
6. Saturday 16 June 2012, 10am to 4.30pm



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Foundation Certificate Course in Understanding the Therapeutic Power of Play Registration Form April 2012

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Email : _____

Occupation: _____

Deposit of €350* Enclosed **Full payment of €850 Enclosed**

Deposit of €350.00* to be paid to confirm your booking of a place on the course and in advance of course commencement. The remaining balance of €500.00 is due to be paid on or before registration on the Saturday April 14, 2012.

Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

Deposit payment is non-refundable

Cheques/postal orders to be made payable to IICP Education and Training

*Receipts will be made available to you/your organisation on receipt of deposit/full payment. Please note all remaining course fees are due at registration or in advance. Cancellations must be made five working days in advance, or the course fee will be charged. Fees are non-refundable and full fees will be charged for no-shows on the day. Substitutions can be made at any time, subject to availability. We reserve the right to reschedule a course should the need arise. By completing and returning this Application Form you agree to our terms and conditions above.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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