Children with Relational and Developmental Trauma: Tacit Maternal Knowing as our primary therapeutic tool

Fiona Peacock

Saturday 20th November 2021 | 10am to 12.30pm

Workshop overview

Based on her recent EdD research, Fiona will present her findings that show how the use of Tacit Maternal Knowing is a necessary place to start therapeutic engagement with children who are experiencing relational and developmental trauma due to exposure to extreme adversity in early infancy. The session will reflect on how relational and developmental trauma interact with classic attachment theory understandings of human development. This is then use to point us to how we can use insights from the observation ‘ordinary’ attachment relationships between infants and their primary caregivers to consider how we start the process of healing attachments for children where relationship itself is the trauma trigger. Fiona will talk about how the creation of fiction was used as a way to access this Tacit Maternal Knowing. Participant will have an opportunity to explore using this method for themselves.

While her research focuses on Theraplay® as her therapeutic method, this research will be of interest to anyone who works with this client group.

Following her successful viva her academic supervisor, Tyler Denmead wrote “Dr. Peacock wrote a fictional novella for her dissertation to illuminate the tacit maternal knowledge that is essential to her Theraplay practice. Her examiners celebrated the major contribution that her project makes to the field and look forward to using her novella and concepts in their scholarship.”
About the Speaker – Fiona Peacock

Fiona Peacock is a BACP Senior Accredited Counsellor and Certified Theraplay® Therapist, Trainer and Supervisor. She is Co-Lead of the Child and Adolescent Counselling programme at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge and Co-Director of Theraplay UK. In the past she worked in a highly specialised CAMHS team for Looked After and Adopted children as well as working in Education settings. Now she has a private practice providing psychotherapeutic counselling and Theraplay to children whose early experiences of attachments have been disrupted as well as consultation, supervision and training to other professionals in this field. She is a contribution author to McLaughlin & Holliday (2014) Therapy with Children and Young People is co author of Fostering Good Relationships (Richardson & Peacock 2016) and of Peacock & Holliday (2021) “Relational and Developmental Trauma and Schools.” In Oxford Bibliographies in Education. She has just completed an EdD at Cambridge researching using heuristic inquiry to explore Theraplay with children who are experiencing relational and developmental trauma.

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Venue

This will be taking place in person at the Faculty of Education, DMB Building (there are limited spaces for this) as well as option on Zoom for those that would prefer to join this event virtually.

How to book

In-person ticket fees:
Standard registration - £25.00
Concessionary registration for students and staff of the Faculty of Education (FOE) - £15.00

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Online Standard registration - £35.00
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