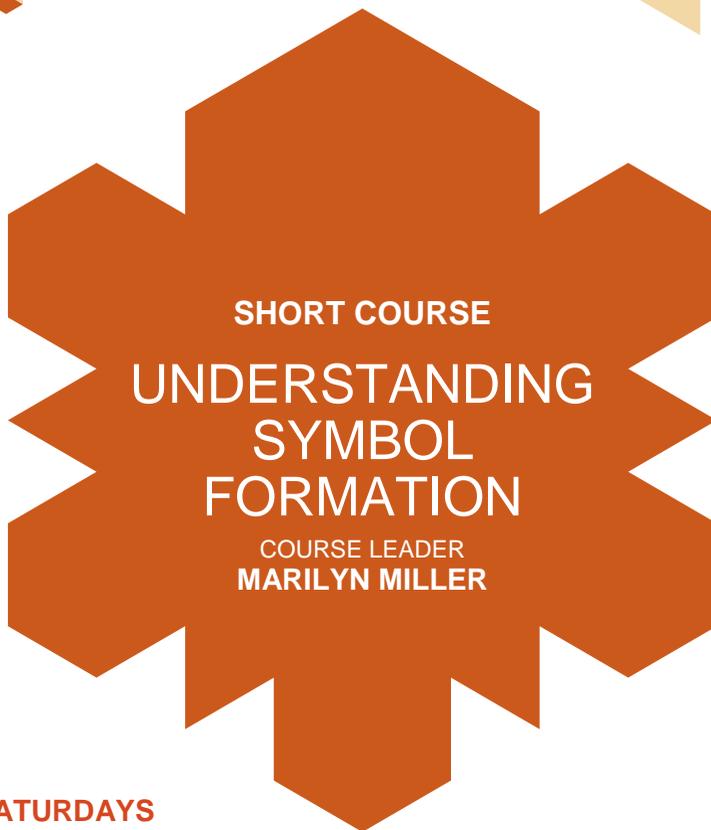




WEST MIDLANDS
INSTITUTE OF
PSYCHOTHERAPY



SHORT COURSE

UNDERSTANDING SYMBOL FORMATION

COURSE LEADER
MARILYN MILLER

6 SATURDAYS

16th June • 7th July • 8th Sept
13th Oct • 24th Nov • 8th Dec

10:30am – 3:45pm

LITTLE WENLOCK

(near The Wrekin, M54 or Telford
Central Station)

To explore and discuss some classic and other selected readings on the development of symbol formation in connection with ongoing clinical work.



CONTENT

Symbol formation is at the heart of the psychotherapeutic endeavour. The words we use in our work are themselves symbols, with sometimes arbitrary links to what they represent. Dreams offer a particular kind of window into symbol formation and phantasies and dreams represent a deeply personal set of symbol formation often based in early sensory experience.

Yet understanding symbol formation is not easy because there are different registers, different levels, and different kinds of symbolic life, as Bion helped us to understand more precisely through his grid.

Some core concepts on symbol formation will therefore be selected for closer examination, drawn from a list such as: primary and secondary process, condensation, symbolic equations, dead objects/reification/concrete thinking, the role of illusion in symbol formation, the body ego/body language, sublimation, the use of metaphor, etc.

Classic texts and contemporary commentaries, or applications of these core concepts, will be closely linked to clinical work presented by both the course leader and course participants.

PARTICIPATION

The course will be participative. Members are expected to read and present material to a reading seminar and offer a case for discussion. The course leader will also present a case study each time from her own experience.

Reflecting the requirement for participation and preparation, CPD Certificates for 30 hours will be issued by WMIP on completion.

To read more about the course structure and style, please see the WMIP Newsletter for October 2017 where there is a dialogic report from two WMIP members on the first course run along these lines.

Open to professionally qualified clinicians only.

VENUE

Luck's Weight
Buildwas Lane,
Little Wenlock
TF6 5AZ.

APPROACH

A whole person approach will be taken with an opportunity provided to arrive early and walk first in the beautiful countryside before the course begins at 10.30am each time, or over the lunch period, and wholesome vegetarian soups and a light lunch will be included. Body, mind and spirit will hopefully all be engaged in the learning process, with the experience of group membership and sharing food together an important feature.

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