



WEST MIDLANDS  
INSTITUTE OF  
PSYCHOTHERAPY

# A SOCIAL DREAMING MATRIX

HOSTED BY  
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## DATE/TIME

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Doors open 6.30pm for prompt  
7.00pm start

***“I came to see the damage  
that was done and the  
treasures that prevail.”***

(From Diving into the Wreck by Adrienne Rich)



## APPROACH

Two years after the EU referendum, this event gives WMIP members and others interested in the collective workings of psyche a chance to reflect on where we are as a society.

Social dreaming is a way of working with dreams, developed by Gordon Lawrence and others at the Tavistock Institute, London in the 1980s. Since then its applications have been explored extensively, in a variety of settings.

In social dreaming, we meet in what is called a matrix. Participants have a specific task which is to share and associate to dreams, making connections where possible. We are not trying to interpret the dreams for their dreamer, we own the associations we make, as our own. There's no right interpretation or response. 'Once a dream is offered, there can be as many associations as there are people in the room', says Gordon Lawrence.

## PARTICIPATION

You don't need previous experience of social dreaming to participate in and enjoy a matrix. It's for anyone interested in dreams, creativity and new thinking about issues of common concern. All you need is a readiness to share and be open to what is offered.

This event is open to all.

## Laurie Slade

Laurie Slade is a UKCP registered psychotherapist in private practice in West London. He is a founder member of the International Neuro-Psychoanalysis Society and an Associate of the Gordon Lawrence Foundation for Social Dreaming. He has been actively involved in social dreaming since 2001, hosting sessions in the UK and internationally. His published papers on the subject include Social Dreaming for a Queer Culture (Self & Society, 2005), Image to Gesture – Social Dreaming with Student Theatre Directors (in The Creativity of Social Dreaming – Karnac 2010) and Renewing the Land: The Dreaming Mind in Community (in Social Dreaming: Theory, Practice and Research – Karnac forthcoming).

## VENUE

Edbaston Quaker Meeting House,  
St James Road,  
Edbaston  
B15 1JP

## FEE

WMIP members free  
Non-members £15

## BOOKING

Booking is required for this event – deadline is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Cheques, if applicable (made payable to West Midlands Institute of Psychotherapy), and the completed booking form should be sent to:

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## CPD

This event qualifies attendees for 2.5 CPD hours. Certificates will be provided to attendees on request.



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