



WMIP e-bulletin January 2025

A message from the Board of Trustees

Dear members,

I am delighted to let you know that Laura Chaisty and Shane Sneyd have stepped forward to take on the role of professional trustees on our Board of Trustees. The board co-opted them onto the board on Friday, 17th January 25, pending endorsement by the members at the AGM on 3rd March.

They are proposing to work together as joint chairs of the board, and there will be a handover period to support them in this. Laura and Shane come with fresh energy, inspiration and commitment and I commend them, and this development to you, in support of the ongoing life and work of WMIP.

On behalf of WMIP Board of Trustees: Pauline Higham, Diana Houlston, Bryan Arnott and Phil Saleh

Date	Speaker	Title	Venue
Friday 7 th February 2025 (8:00pm – 9:30pm)	WMIP Analytic Film Group	Mathieu Kassovitz's La Haine	Online via Zoom
Monday 10 th February 2025 (7:15pm – 8:45pm)	WMIP Shalini Masih	Ghosts as Gurus: Learning from experience in the Aesthetic Vertex	Online via Zoom
Monday 3 rd March 2025 (6:30pm – 8pm)	WMIP	AGM	Online via Zoom
Saturday 8 th March 2025 (10.15am – 12.45pm)	APT: Birmingham Mark Saban	Individuation beyond the individual: a Jungian exploration of the relational field	St Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7LL and via Zoom Video Conferencing
Saturday 5 th April 2025 (10:30am – 12:30pm)	BTPP Meg Harris Williams	Thinking is the Dreamer: discussion of a dream sequence presented by Donald Meltzer	BTPP, Studio 322, Custard Factory, Gibb Street, Birmingham, B9 4AA
Saturday 10 th May 2025 (10.15am – 12.45pm)	APT: Birmingham Dale Mathers	Dreams: The Basics	St Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7LL and via Zoom Video Conferencing
Saturday 7 th June 2025 (10.15am – 12.45pm)	APT: Birmingham Jay Barlow	The Umbilical	St Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7LL and via Zoom Video Conferencing
Saturday 15 th June 2025 (10:30am – 12:30pm)	BTPP Elizabeth Dennis	Approaching Death and Dying	BTPP, Studio 322, Custard Factory, Gibb Street, Birmingham, B9 4AA

Keep checking the events page on the WMIP website for details

Join WMIP Analytic Film Group's next online event where they will be discussing the film *La Haine*, directed by Mathieu Kassovitz

Friday 7th February 2025 8pm - 9:30pm Via Zoom Video Conferencing

We meet regularly online (once every couple of months) and bring analytic thinking to discussions on a range of films. Group members suggest film and at the end of each session we draw the title for our next session. Films are introduced by the proposer who invites the group members into an exploration from a psychological perspective.

This film is available to watch on BFI player, free with subscription (free 14 day trial) Apple TV £4.49, Amazon Video £4.49, Curzon Home Cinema £4.00

For more information and to book please email Laura Chaisty laurachaisty19@gmail.com. To watch the trailer click on the link below



Watch the official You Tube trailer of *La Haine* [HERE](#)

We would love to see you at our next WMIP online event
Ghosts as Gurus: Learning from Experience in the Aesthetic Vertex with Shalini Masih
Monday 10th February 2025 7:15pm - 8:45pm Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Have you ever encountered moments in your practice where the patient's narrative felt more like a piece of art—a poem, a haunting, or a riddle—rather than a puzzle to solve? How did you respond?

Shalini's work is deeply rooted in her upbringing in India where she grew up surrounded by priests and healers, witnessing the mysterious realms of spirit possession and exorcism. These early experiences ignited her curiosity about the human psyche. Shalini's paper explores the intersection of psychoanalysis and traditional healing practices, focusing on spirit possession.

Please share with friends and colleagues who may be interested.

For more information and to book please contact Jools email admin@wmip.org

TO BOOK email Jools our administrator

Mark Saban PhD**Saturday 8th March 2025 in person and via Zoom**

Because Jung tended to pay a great deal of attention to the inner dynamics of the psyche, individuation is primarily thought of as an intrapsychic process – even within the analytic process. In this talk Mark Saban wants to challenge this assumption by focusing on the relational field as a “third” arena that transcends and includes the individuals concerned. He will provide clinical examples to indicate how this field shows up as an autonomous – highly affective - entity and will conclude by developing the notion of transindividuation – a process that not only takes us beyond the idea of the individual but that also opens up the possibility of a collective and psychosocial individuation.

Mark Saban PhD trained with the Independent Group of Analytical Psychologists, with whom he is a Senior Analyst, working in London and Oxford. He is also the director of the MA in Jungian and Post-Jungian Studies in the Department of Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex.

**For more information, please contact Sue Harford 07789 545908 aptc@wmip.org
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UKCP: News and opportunities

As a member of the CPJA Ethics Committee, Carrie Worrall has been acting as de facto representative of WMIP at UKCP. However, her term on the college Ethics Committee has come to an end, and WMIP is therefore now un-represented within UKCP.

Would any UKCP-accredited WMIP member like to volunteer to be the institute's representative at UKCP? This means being the contact point for UKCP matters, reporting to committees and to the Board on developments that might impact our own institute. You may attend College and UKCP meetings, or delegate to another member if you can't attend.

Carrie's standing down also means there is also a vacancy on the CPJA Ethics Committee open to any professional member of WMIP accredited to UKCP. The CPJA Ethics Committee is a lively and efficient group - meeting on zoom around 6 times a year and carrying out the important work of reviewing the ethics documents of Psychoanalytic and Jungian Organisations as they undergo their 5-yearly UKCP review for reaccreditation. Note that this work - reviewing and writing a report - is eligible to be paid, currently at a rate of £250 per OMR report.

Carrie says: "It was great to get an insight into the inner workings of the CPJA and UKCP, and the ethics work was very interesting and collegiate. Realising that we are part of a much wider community, meeting colleagues from other analytic and psychoanalytic institutions facing similar challenges to our own and seeing how they are tackling them, was very rewarding."

Find out more by emailing carriecopy@yahoo.co.uk - or let Jools know you are interested

Consulting rooms to let in centre of Moseley

Reasonable rates, wide availability across the week, rooms with and without couch, use of office, kitchen, staff car park, enquiries welcome.

Contact Rachel Hirschfeld, rachel.hirschfeld@zen.co.uk





Remembering Christine Pitt

I have had the privilege of knowing Christine through our mutual involvement in WMIP, the Immigration Counselling and Psychotherapy service (ICAP) and the John Paul 2 network offering therapeutic support to clergy. Those fortunate enough to know Christine benefited from the relational shelter she provided. She had a beautiful capacity to offer a consistent safe, non-judgmental space where one could be oneself, receive compassionate understanding, and risk being vulnerable. There was time to breathe deep and differently, consider complexity and discover pathways and resources for next steps. In that secure shelter she was able to provide we lived and thrived.

Christine once offered me this quote from one of her favourite books 'Finding your Hidden Treasure' by Fr Benignus O'Rourke: *'The search for the real self is central to our journey and finding our real self means we have to face our shadows. We live and act out of the invisible shadow-world that turns silently within us. Our pain needs light. Nothing heals in the dark. In facing one's shadows, one begins to know truly the light of one's own soul.'*

In the shelter and light Christine offered in her personal friendship and professional relationships, she helped many to heal, to find the hidden treasure in their shadow worlds, and become more truly and fully themselves. Christine, bless the road that carries you onwards. We will miss you greatly.

Maureen Slattery-Marsh

Chris trained as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist, joining the CFITC training in 1997. She was already in her 50s at this point and had a considerable hinterland of workplaces and relationships which she brought to the course. Colleagues thoroughly appreciated all the preparatory work Chris did before the training and how hard working and dedicated she was on the course.

Her whole-hearted immersion in the training, in her private practice work and in the life of WMIP was evident. I think that over time she sat on every committee and was always involved, energetic and reliable. These were factors I really appreciated when Chris became a member of the Training Committee which I chaired. But although she was often willing to volunteer, she also knew her limits and sensibly would always refuse to do whatever she felt was beyond her. Her integrity about this contributed to making her very reliable and she was respected by everyone who knew her. Chris particularly valued being the Editor of the Institute's Journal. She saw this post as a privilege enabling her to make a unique contribution to the depths and diversity within the organisation. WMIP memories of Chris will live on, as we are forever grateful for the donation of Chris' books to the WMIP library.

The training committee once held a meeting at Helen Flanagan's house in the countryside and we went for a long muddy walk. It quickly became evident that Chris was fundamentally a city girl with no love for inquisitive cows. During COVID she and I would meet in Manor Farm Park bringing our picnic lunches and sit at opposite ends of a bench eating and talking. It seems so strange now! We shared a love of cats and Chris always delighted in her feline friends and responded enthusiastically to the cat in the first care home she went to and was bereft when there was no cat in the second one. I remain very grateful that I had the opportunity to know Chris through our work and friendship.

Rosie Hogg



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