Making Sense of Children’s Communications through Playing, Dreaming and Drawing

with Jeanne Magagna
Marc Chaussivert
Peter Blake

Saturday March 4th, 2017
9am to 1 pm
Crows Nest Community Centre
Johnson Hall
2 Earnest Place Crows Nest 2065

ICAPP is delighted to announce a clinical morning with Jeanne Magagna, an internationally recognised child and adolescent psychotherapist.

The morning will consist of two papers and a clinical conversation:

9am – 10.15am
The development of reparative capacities in the dreams of children by Jeanne Magagna

The dream life of children is an important place to look to assess psychological progress in children. This talk will describe different dream structures suggesting fundamental changes in the child’s ways of relating to his/her feelings and anxieties.

10.30am – 12 noon
A journey with an adolescent girl moving from feelings of fragmentation towards the experience of containment and aliveness by Jeanne Magagna and Marc Chaussivert

This presentation will describe how physical expressions including breathing difficulties, severe anxiety attacks, and self-harm begin their transformation through the experience of being held and thought about in therapy. This holding enables communication and elaboration of underlying concerns faced by a young person as she struggles to find her place and feel alive in her body, her family and her community.

Vignettes and drawings taken from the process on ongoing therapeutic work with a young adolescent girl will be presented alongside collaborative work with her parents.
Clinical Conversation 3 - Assessment

The focus of this clinical conversation will be on the psychodynamic assessment of children and adolescents. This will be an informal discussion with Peter Blake interviewing Jeanne Magagna as well as having a Q and A with the audience.

Jeanne Magagna
Jeanne Magagna, resident in London, received her doctorate from a joint program of the University of East London and the Tavistock Clinic. Recently she has served as the Head of Psychotherapy Services at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, Consultant Psychotherapist at the Ellern Mede Centre for Eating Disorders and Consultant to Family Futures Adoption and Fostering Consortium. Her professional interests include preventative work with infants, eating disorders, self-harm. She has taught, either in person or by Skype, on most continents. Her publications include editing or jointly editing *Universals of Psychoanalysis, The Silent Child: Communication without Words, Intimate Transformations; Babies with their Families and Psychotherapy with Families, Being Present for Your Nursery Age Child and Creativity and Psychotic States in Exceptional People*. Jeanne was one of the founders of Centro Studi Martha Harris child psychotherapy trainings in Florence and Venice.

Marc Chaussivert
Marc works with Children, Adolescents and Adults. He currently divides his time between working with people who have suffered trauma in the context of refugee experience, at STARTTS, work with Aboriginal Australians for Gunawirra, and a small private practice. He trained as a Clinical Psychologist and is currently completing a training with ICAPP.

Peter Blake

Cost: $100 (Students $60)

Payments and bookings

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