



Spring Training

Addiction & Pathological Gambling

20th April 2018

10. a.m.—1 p.m.

MERCHANTS QUAY IRELAND

Are pleased to offer a workshop on Addiction & Compulsive Gambling for those in the addiction field or related areas looking to expand and build upon their knowledge and skill set with this type of presentation. The training will include learning in key skills such as distinguishing between addiction to toxic media and behavioural compulsions, the exploration of both conscious and unconscious determinants in the clinical picture of gambling, and the relationship between compulsive gambling and the biochemical economy. This training is for anyone with a serious interest in the area of substance use and who interacts in either a paid or voluntary capacity with people who have addiction issues.

- Title:** Pathological Gambling: Forcing an answer out of the symbolic game
- Course facilitator:** Peter Kelly, Merchants Quay Ireland, Training Officer
- Venue:** The Carmelite Center
56 Aungier St
Dublin 2
- Schedule:** 10 a.m. –1 p.m.
- Eligibility:** This training is for anyone who interacts on either a paid or a voluntary capacity in the area of problem drug use /addiction and has an interest in both the conscious and unconscious factors that underpin compulsive gambling
- Cost:** €50.00
- How to apply:** Course application forms are attached to this advertisement, and can also be got from Peter Kelly, Training Officer at Merchants Quay Ireland peter.kelly@mqi.ie or by contacting Peter at 01-5240936.
- Closing Date:** Closing date for receipt of application form is **Friday 6th April 2018.**
- More Information:** Scroll down for application form. For further information please contact Carmel Kelly in Merchants Quay @ 01-5240973 and/or email: peter.kelly@mqi.ie



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Learning Outcomes:

- An understanding of the signs and symptoms of compulsive gambling and the predisposing conditions that characterize this pathology.
- An appreciation of the factors of winning and losing in the clinical picture of pathological gambling.
- An overview of the relationship between compulsive gambling and the biological economy in terms of how C.G. functions for the user in terms of self-soothing, and the release of neurotransmitters.
- An understanding of some of the psychodynamic and learning theory perspectives and their efficacy in the treatment of this presentation.
- An awareness of some of the structural issues that can underscore pathological gambling, i.e. depression, unconscious sense of guilt, narcissism and treatment implications.
- An opportunity to reflect on the learning from a clinical case study of C.G. and 'to tease out' treatment approaches and strategies.

Biography:

Mr Peter Kelly MSc psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, Advanced Diploma in Supervision, BPh (Philosophy), Dip Social Studies, M.I. trainer, Reality Therapy, Certified is the Training Officer with Merchants Quay Ireland. Peter works in the area of addiction and substance misuse and has been involved in the provision of both drug counselling and drug education for the past twenty years. His clinical background is psychoanalytic psychotherapy and he is an accredited member of both the A.C.I. (Addiction Counsellors of Ireland) and the Association of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Ireland (A.P.P.I.). Peter is also trained in Motivational Approaches to problem drug use, and his areas of interest include both the role of the unconscious in addiction and how people manage and overcome addictive cycles.



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Please complete this application form and return it to the address below.

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL (HOME) _____ TEL (WORK) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ORGANISATION (IF ANY) & ADDRESS _____

Are you working in the addiction field?

What are you looking for from this training?

Where did you hear about this workshop?.

The workshop fee of €50 is payable to Merchants Quay Ireland should be returned with this form. Closing date for applications is _____.

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Return to: Peter Kelly, Training Officer, c/o MQI Training Department, Merchants Quay Ireland, Merchants Court, 24 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8.

For more details contact: Carmel Kelly/Zaneta Mludzik in Merchants Quay @ 01-5240973/01-5240934 and/or peter.kelly@mqi.