



Spring Training

The Psychodynamics of Addiction

27th April 2018

10 a.m.—1 p.m.

MERCHANTS QUAY IRELAND

Are pleased to offer a half-day workshop in the psychodynamics of addiction exploring the role of the unconscious in addictive cycles. This training course is an opportunity for individuals working within the addiction or related fields to gain an understanding of both subjective and unconscious formations that permeate substance misuse and to reflect on their work and practice from these perspectives. This training is for anyone with a serious interest in the area of substance use and its interface with the unconscious and who interacts on either a paid or voluntary capacity with people who may have drug or alcohol related problems.

Title: **The Psychodynamics of Addiction---from a unified self to a divided subject the place of subjectivity in the pathology of addiction**

Trainer: Peter Kelly: MSc Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy

Venue: The Carmelite Center
56 Aungier St
Dublin 2

Schedule: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Eligibility: This training is for anyone with a serious interest in the area of substance use and its interface with the unconscious and who interacts on either a paid or voluntary capacity with people who may have drug or alcohol related problems.

Cost: €50.00

How to apply: Course application forms are attached to this advertisement, and can also be obtained by contacting Carmel Kelly in Merchants Quay @ 01-5240973 or by contacting Peter Kelly, Training Officer, Merchants Quay Ireland, @ 01-5240936, or peter.kelly@mqi.ie

Closing Date: Closing date for receipt of application forms is **Friday 13th April 2018**

More Information: Scroll down for application form, and can also be obtained by contacting Carmel Kelly in Merchants Quay @ 01-5240973. For further information please contact Peter Kelly on 01-5240936, email: peter.kelly@mqi.ie



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Learning Outcomes:

- Have an understanding of the relationship between addiction and language and the implications for counselling (talking therapies).
- Have an appreciation of psychodynamic perspectives in relation to addiction in terms of a divided subjectivity and how toxic media functions in and for this division.
- Have a sense of both unconscious formations and the logic of the unconscious and its interface with addictive cycles.
- Distinguish between symptom and structure in the pathology of addiction and the implications for treatment.
- Have an understanding of how ego deficits, defence mechanisms, secondary gains, and transference are played out in the clinical picture of addiction.
- Have an ability to reflect on how unconscious formations influence the recovery process, and vice versa, in other words, how the recovery process influences unconscious formations.

Biography

Mr Peter Kelly MSc 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 _____

What role do you have in your organisation?

What is your interest in this workshop?

Where did you hear about this training?

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Return to: **MQI Training Department, Merchants Quay Ireland, Merchants Court, 24 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8.**

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