

42nd International Scientific Colloquium: Play and Playfulness – Psychoanalytic Perspectives

This conference is organised by the Anna Freud National Centre's longstanding Child Psychotherapy Service. The Colloquium has been offering a unique opportunity to network with UK and international mental health professionals for over 40 years. We bring together professionals from all over the world to think about well-established as well as ground-breaking approaches to working with children and adolescents and to discuss clinical cases.

About this conference

The two days will focus on the psychoanalytic perspectives on play, taking into account thinking about developmental, traumatic or defensive aspects of play. Our emphasis will be on discussion of clinical cases. There will be a mixture of theoretical and clinical presentations on the subject. This will include looking at the role and function of play in fantasies, dreams or ideas as well as inabilities or inhibitions in play.

We will also be addressing ways in which the current pandemic has been a period of disruption in treatments and what impact it has had on playing through digital means.

We will hear from internationally renowned experts in the field of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy and we will have an opportunity to learn and think together about the complexities of play within treatment. It will



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Date: 6th - 7th November 2020

Time: 13:00 - 19:00 (UK time)

Speakers:

Annabel Kitson* Monica Lanyado *
Inge Pretorius * Angela Joyce * Holly
Martin and others

Fee: £300 (£150 for students)

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be a highly interactive event with small group discussions in digital breakout rooms, a workshop on digital play, opportunities to exchange knowledge and network.

Who is this conference suitable for?

This conference should appeal to all mental health professionals working with children and adolescents with an interest in psychoanalytic thinking. Attendees are required to have a professional accreditation or be enrolled on a recognised training course.