



**Warmly invite you to a workshop
for practitioners and supervisors on:**

Re-thinking Ability

with

Gary Bourlet, Sandra Fortuna,

Mark Haydon-Laurelut, Louisa Rhodes

and Nina Viljoen

Date: Wednesday 17th November 2021

Time: 10.00am (GMT) to 3.15pm

(Registration from 9.45am for prompt start at 10.00am)

Where: This workshop will take place via Zoom

Cost: £40.00

Information about the Workshop



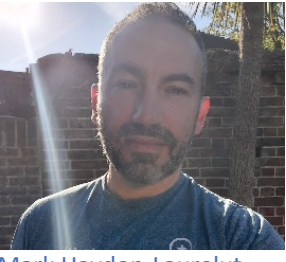


Our understanding of disability is often caught up in medical discourses. We would like to invite participants to join a conversation that explores different narratives of disability: from the perspective of a person with lived experience; professional narratives and theoretical ideas around disability.

We hope to connect these reflections with our own work and lives: to re-think taken for granted practices; to consider new ways of working; possible therapeutic opportunities and relationships with those who are affected by disability.

The workshop can be useful for professionals wanting to re-think assumptions and beliefs about ability and disability in their work or personal life.

The focus of the workshop is learning disability but the ideas could be useful to other forms of physical and cognitive ability. We will be using examples from our own practice in the NHS. This workshop is relevant to therapy and supervision.

About the Presenters:

 <p>Gary Bourlet</p>	<p>Gary has been a self-advocate for over 30 years and is Co-Founder of Learning Disability England. Before this he founded People First England. Gary has a vast amount of experience in working with the media and has appeared on Channel 4 and in the Guardian. He is a civil rights campaigner and brought the People First movement to England. He is now the Membership and Engagement lead at Learning Disability England with extra focus as self-advocate spokesperson.</p>
 <p>Sandra Fortuna</p>	<p>Sandra is a Clinical Psychologist and Systemic Practitioner who also holds a Postgraduation Diploma in Dramatherapy. Sandra has worked in the NHS with adults with learning disabilities and their networks of support for more than 20 years. Sandra also works as a visiting lecturer and supervisor for The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Hertfordshire. The journey began with the curiosity and wish to connect with people who use nonverbal language to communicate. Holding a believe that everyone has the right and the ability to have meaningful relationships and live meaningful lives. In the process she found KCC. The values of co-production of meaning and social justice fitted with her efforts to give people with learning disabilities a voice.</p>
 <p>Mark Haydon-Laurelut</p>	<p>Mark is a senior lecturer at the University of Portsmouth lecturing on a number of programmes including the MSc Psychology and Learning Disability. He is also a Systemic Psychotherapist working in Community Learning Disability Services in West Sussex. Mark completed a PhD in Therapy, Learning Disability and Critical Disability Studies: A Discursive Approach. He enjoyed and learnt much from this study though has to look up the title when asked for it. He is the co-editor (with Victoria Jones) of Jones, V & Haydon-Laurelut, M (2019). Working with People with Learning Disabilities: Systemic Approaches. London, Red Globe Press. Victoria and Mark are currently developing a special edition of Context Magazine 'Ableism and Disablism'. Please enquire if you might like to write for the edition!</p>
 <p>Louisa Rhodes</p>	<p>Louisa is a Clinical Psychologist working in Hertfordshire Learning Disability Services. Louisa is a strong advocate for the use of systemic approaches in Learning Disability work. She is also Chief Investigator on the NIHR funded Making Positive Moves research project. A project which involves interviewing people with Learning Disabilities about their experiences of living in the community after moving out of mental health hospitals. Louisa is passionate about the involvement of people with lived experience in research delivery and this has been possible for the Making Positive Project. Louisa's enthusiasm for systemic approaches is also present in the research with the use of a methodology based on 'internalised other' interviewing techniques.</p>
 <p>Nina Viljoen</p>	<p>Nina is a Clinical Psychologist who has worked in the NHS in services for people with learning disabilities since she moved from South Africa to the UK in 2000. currently works in an assessment service for adults who wish to explore how a label of autism can be helpful for them and those who they connect with. Nina is interested in the coercive power of diagnostic categories and the impact this has on the lives of people. She is a Systemic Practitioner and visiting lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and teaches in the areas of learning disability, systemically informed practice and autism.</p>

Booking Details for Workshop:

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via Zoom
Cost £40.00

**To request a place on this workshop, please email
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If you forward the link on, Stephanie must be informed or the person will not be able to gain access to the workshop.