

IPSS Forum. Terms of Reference. Revised February 2018.

The Forum convenes three times per year, from 10AM. To 1PM. February, June and November. The November Forum is extended to include the organisation's AGM.

Aims: The Forum was originally established to provide a platform for the IPSS membership to develop its approach in the practice of psychoanalytic psychotherapy that values a reflection upon the social and cultural context of clinical work for both client and therapist.

It is:

An opportunity to support and develop individual member and group clinical practice and awareness by means of member presentations which engage with participants and encourage the sharing of insights and ways of working amongst the membership.

A membership space for the presentation of papers and final dissertations from potential new members, formerly this was for students who had completed training, now for those who have completed the Accreditation Programme. It also offers an opportunity for mw members to submit papers to the wider membership.

A space for papers presented to the membership by outside speakers.

A CPD for the membership and those attending receive attendance certificates for their portfolios.

A space for the discussion of organisation issues around the AGM.

A space for the members to meet in mutual friendship, with a social and buffet lunch that concludes the event.

A window onto IPSS and its values, as well as an opportunity to meet with IPSS members, by invitation to those considering an application to IPSS for accreditation and membership.

Structure:

The event.

- Reception and Coffee.
- Presentation.
- Short break.
- The presentation is opened up to for members' response and a discourse.

- AGM. (November only)- Election of officers and discussion on the previous year and notifications and decisions on organisational plans for the coming year.
- Buffet lunch and social.

There are two members who steer the Forum, one of whom reports to and is a member of the IPSS Council. The Chair of the Forum consults with presenters and gives support, ensures that presentations fit within the time allotted, that the presentation is clear to members and that a suitable abstract is ready in time for distribution among the membership. The Chair of the Forum officiates over the event on the day.

Access including equalities and diversity: The Forum is open to all the membership which is given notice well in advance which includes an abstract of the presentation. The Forum has for well over the last decade attracted a third of the membership. It is held on 2 Saturdays and one Sunday to take account of the diversity in members' religious observance. The Forum is held at a Central London venue with good transport links to facilitate attendance.

Member participation: The full membership is invited to put forward ideas for the Forum and Presentations are invited from all members of the Forum. The Council is considering introducing feedback sheets for completion on the day.

Addendum: After the Forum's success in hosting a day event open to members and former members of IPSS, the Council has agreed that one Forum per year will be open also to the wider group of former members and other interested psychoanalytic psychotherapists, practitioners and students; at a small fee.