

attendance, the centre is expected to receive 1000 clients in its first year. Activities such as this are laudable although it remains a sad truth that there are persistent tensions between agencies and international organisations which stand only to harm this work. Torture, organised state violence, enforced exile and displacement are all too common, affecting millions of people in the modern world. There is an urgent need for the limited resources available to be used cooperatively to best advantage. Failure to do this only serves to support the damage of the torturer. We must all learn to work together more effectively and in this spirit the activities of RCT are very welcome.

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Pyramids of Light and Other Stories – The Arts and Mental Health. By Lee Corner. 1992. Pp 64. £5.00 (including postage). Available from Sam Perkins, Planning & Communications Unit, Yorkshire & Humberside Arts, 21 Bond Street, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF13 1AX.

What can mental health care learn from the arts? This publication attempts not only to answer the question but also to show the positive impact each may have on the other.

The author illustrates that art, in all forms, through its immediacy can enrich patients by:

improving self confidence, developing new skills, acting as a vehicle through which they may articulate the meaning of their lives, but perhaps most importantly by simply providing a pleasurable experience. Equally mental health care settings are places where, increasingly, artists wish to work, finding they offer considerable professional fulfilment.

Overall the booklet provides an excellent combination of the descriptive (examining work currently taking place) and the practical (how to set up a project in a mental health setting). The author entertains, as she informs, describing a diversity of projects ranging from a novel form of dance – Jabadaoing, to Batiq and Buns. The work described comes predominantly from Yorkshire and Humberside with a project study from New York comparing American practices with those in the United Kingdom. Several chapters give good advice on organising and arranging projects including the importance of seeking funding, accurate costings, evaluation and estimating time scales. Extremely useful Appendices of publications in the field and addresses of relevant organisations are provided.

Increasing interest in the role of art in mental health care makes this booklet timely. Although designed primarily for NHS managers it provides a well laid out readable guide for all professionals wishing to involve themselves in this field.

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Forthcoming events

Epidemiology in Psychiatry and Mental Health: new international perspectives, Congress of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology, will be held in Lisbon from 14–17 April 1993. Further information: Secretariat, Uniturismo, Amoreiras Shopping Center, Lojas 2031/2, 1000 Lisboa, Portugal (telephone 351 1 69 04 94; fax 351 1 388 63 69).

2nd National Conference on Mental Health Aspects of AIDS will be held at the University of York on 25 March 1993. Further information: Conference Secretariat, National Forum for Mental Health, PO Box B135, Huddersfield HD1 1YG (telephone 0484 548693; 2–5 pm).

A one day multidisciplinary conference **Suicide & the Murderous Self: understanding self harm as a prelude to effective intervention** will be held in the Monckton Postgraduate Suite, St George's Hospital on 19 March 1993. Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 672 9944, extension 55534).

The Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CINP) will be holding two workshops: **Recent Advances in the Treatment of Neurodegenerative Disorders and Cognitive Dysfunction** in Capri, Italy from 1–3 May 1993 and **Current**

Therapeutic Approaches in Panic and Other Anxiety Disorders 20–22 November 1993 in Monte Carlo. Further information: Scientific Secretariat: N. Brunello, I. Cesarani, International Academy for Biomedical and Drug Research, Institute of Pharmacological Sciences, Via Balzaretti 9, 20133 Milan, Italy (telephone 39 2 20488211/331; fax 39 2 29404961).

The British Institute for Psychohistory will be holding Saturday afternoon seminars on **Aspects of Child Abuse: Psycho-Analytical and Historical Perspectives** at The Lecture Hall, Philadelphia Association Centre, 4 Marty's Yard, 17 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 during 1993. Further information: The Director, The British Institute for Psychohistory, 3 Greenhill, Prince Arthur Road, London NW3 5UB (telephone 071 435 2956).

The Inaugural Conference of the Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy Group will be held at the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 13 May 1993. There are three workshops in the morning: *Using Cognitive Therapy in Schizophrenia* by Drs David Kingdon & Douglas Turkington; *Behavioural Psychotherapy in OCD* by Drs Lynne Drummond & Hilary Warwick; *Behavioural Psychotherapy in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry* by Dr Jeremy Turk. Three afternoon workshops: *Cognitive Therapy in Chronic Depression Disorders* by Dr Jan Scott; *Behaviour Therapy in Post-traumatic Stress Disorder* by David Richards; *Behaviour Therapy in Learning Disabilities* by Professor Ben Sacks. Further information: Mrs Jean Wales at the College.

The 37th International Meeting on the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism and the 20th International Meeting on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug Dependence will take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 2–6 August 1993. Further information: Co-ordenacao de Eventos Reboucas, Av. Reboucas 600, Sao Paulo SP, Brazil 05402 000 (telephone 55 11 881 1344; fax 55 11 881 1125).

A one day conference **Children's Evidence in the Courts** will be held on 24 March 1993 at The Central Hotel, Gordon Street, Glasgow. Further information: Jill Elliott, Continuing Education Manager, Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Southampton SO9 5NH (telephone 0703 592376; fax 0703 593024).

A symposium **Children under Stress** will be held in London on 17 May 1993. Further information: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG (telephone 081 740 3904; fax 081 741 1838).

The Fifth Leeds Psychopathology Symposium **Speech and Language Disorders** will be held on 6–7 May 1993. Further information: Mrs Hilary L. Heleme, Department of Continuing Professional Education, Continuing Education Building, Springfield Mount, Leeds LS2 9NG (telephone 0532 333233).

Neuroscience of HIV Infection: basic and clinical frontiers. Update 1993, a symposium of the International Conference on AIDS, will be held at the Penta Hotel, Vienna, from 2–5 June 1993. Further information: Mrs E. Ribar-Maurer, Vienna Academy of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Alserstrasse 4, A-1090 Vienna, Austria (fax 010 43 1 421 38323).

The Group Analytic Society (London) and Group Analysis North will be holding the 8th Northern Workshop **Loss, Change, Creativity** from 1–4 July 1993. Further information and application forms: Administrator, 2 Brixton Avenue, Withington, Manchester M20 8JF (telephone 061 445 8176).

Psychiatry and General Practice: Working Together seminar will be held at The Priory Hospital on 25 March 1993. Further information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

A conference **Priority Setting in the Health Service** will be held on 11 March 1993 at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, London. Further information: Miss Jill Draper, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

A day of lectures and discussions on **Psychoanalysis and Literature** will be held in London on 13 March 1993. Further information: The Hon. Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 071 580 4952).

A one day conference **Spontaneity and the Psychoanalytic Encounter: the work of John Klauber** will be held at the Cavendish Conference Centre, London on 24 April 1993. Further information: The Conference Secretary, 21 Lanercost Road, London SW2 3DP.

International Brain Injury Forum: the quest for better outcomes will be held from 29 March–1 April 1993 at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Further information: International Brain Injury Forum Secretariat, Festival Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire GU31 4JW (telephone 0730 266544; fax 0730 268865).

A conference **Accommodating Challenging Behaviour** will be held on 17 May 1993 at West Bromwich Moat House. Further information: Carol, NSF Midlands, 9 St Michaels Court, Victoria Street, West Bromwich B70 8EZ.

The Fourth International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm will be held in Rotterdam from 14–18 March 1993. Further information: The Conference Administrator, PO Box 4193, 3006 AD Rotterdam, The Netherlands (telephone 31 10 413 28 92; fax 31 10 412 80 90).

A one day conference **Designing for People with Mental Disabilities** will be held at the Royal Institute of British Architects on 15 April 1993. Further information and booking forms: The Conference Co-ordinator, MacIntyre Housing Association, 602 South Seventh Street, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK9 2JA (telephone 0908 230100).

Courses

The British Association of Psychotherapists will be holding the following courses: **Therapeutic Work in Child Protection – a psychoanalytic approach**; held over two terms beginning October 1993; 20 afternoon seminars. Cost: £210 . . . **Jungian Introduction to Working with Analytical Concepts**; held over three terms beginning October 1993; 30 weekly seminars. Cost: £630. Further information and application forms: Mrs Judith Lawrence, Secretary, BAP, 37 Mapesbury Road, London NW2 4HJ (telephone 081 452 9823; fax 081 452 5182).

Fundamentals of Clinical Research: a foundation course will be held from 15–18 March 1992 at The Scandic Crown Hotel, Euston, London; and a course **Introduction to Commercial Drug Development** will be held on 27 April 1993 at The Royal Society of Medicine, London. Further information about these and other courses: Christine Bull, Rostrum, Lewis House, 1 Mildmay Road, Romford, Essex RM7 7DA (telephone 0708 735191; fax 0708 734876).

The Institute of Neurology will be holding the following advanced short courses in the Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, London, during May 1993: *Epilepsy*, 10 May; *Neurosurgery*, 11 May; *Functional and Applied Neuroanatomy*, 12 May; *Dementia*, 13 & 14 May; *Migraine, Headaches and Facial Pain*, 17 May; *Movement Disorders*, 18 & 19 May; *Demyelinating Disease*, 20 & 21 May; *Neuromuscular Disease*, 25 May. Further information: The Assistant Secretary for Students, Institute of Neurology, 23 Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG (telephone 071 837 3611, extension 8740/4138; fax 071 278 5069).

Forensic Psychotherapy Course for Professional Members of Multidisciplinary Teams Working with Offending Behaviour and its Consequences will be held on Tuesdays at Portman Clinic, London, from September 1993 to July 1994. Further information: Education Department, BPF, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ (telephone 071 405 5660 – 24 hour answerphone – or 071 831 6222, extension 155; fax 071 831 1387).

A revision course for the **MRCPsych Part I and Part II/Board Certification in Psychiatry Part A and Part B** will be held from 22–26 March 1993 at the Institute of Psychiatry. Further details and application form: Miss J. Crisell, Board Certification in Psychiatry Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3193).

A **Paediatric Neurology/Neurosurgery Study Day** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 18 March 1993 and a conference on **The Quality of Life and Mental Health** will be held on 1 April 1993. Further information and application forms: Mrs Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170; fax 071 703 5796).

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