Groups have been a fundamental part of the Gestalt approach since its inception. Fritz Perls was one of the first therapists to do therapy “live in front of a group” – later called the “Greek amphitheater.” As it developed as a specific approach to therapy it was then nicknamed the “broken wagon wheel.” The therapist would work one-on-one with each individual, using the group as communal support.

Yet our approach to groups and their application has always been much more diverse. At the New York Institute for Gestalt Therapy, such founding members as Elliot Shapiro and Paul Goodman were moving effortlessly into education and social change, followed by the next generation of members, such as George Dennison and Patrick Kelley. These Gestalt practitioners had a profound, though often unacknowledged impact on the theory and methodology of Gestalt with groups.

Some of the future founders of the Gestalt Institute of Ohio (the second institute, later to become the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, GIC) were an essential part of Kurt Lewin’s brainchild, the National Training Laboratories (NTL) as they developed T-groups, and also Esalen Institute, the birthplace of the encounter group. There was a small but important group of Gestaltists led by Edwin Nevis of GISC who used experiments and exercises to teach leaders about self-awareness, group process and cultural change. And, of course, there are our institutes which each use group process in unique and creative ways, and our various Gestalt conferences such as Roots which all use groups and group process as an essential ingredient of the structure. Increasingly, applications like Gestalt in organizations (GIO) have moved naturally into such areas as team building, project management and the dynamics of the boardroom as well as top management teams.

Accommodations
The conference will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Belfast, Ireland. Booking information can be found on the program webpage: www.gisc.org/practitioners/programs/RootsVIConference.php

Presenters & Topics
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Astrid Alemany Dusendschön, France, From Intra-Personal (One-On-One) to Interpersonal to Group Level Working: Possibilities and Limits of Different Postures of a Group Animator/Therapist, Recognizing Them and Their Effects on Group Work

Jack Aylward, USA, The Clinical, Social, and Political Impact of Paul Goodman on Gestalt Therapy Theory as Reflected in his Contributions to the 1951 “Gestalt Therapy: Excitement and Growth in the Human Personality”

Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine, UK, Business Families – The Beauty and The Complexity


Simon Cavicchia, UK, Senior Team Dialogue – Facilitating the Emergence of Leadership in Complex and Uncertain Times

Marie Anne Chidiac, England, Working with Multi-Disciplinary Teams: Gestalt and Team Coaching

Seán Gaffney, Sweden, History of Gestalt with Groups Theory

Joëlle Gartner, Ireland, Becoming and Being a Group in a Society in Conflict

Barry Gruenberg, USA, Leading through Uncertainty: A Gestalt-based Approach to Developing Groups of Leaders at Microsoft

Gaie Houston, England, Interpretation, Fantasy and the Group

Mike McElwee, USA, Integrating Gestalt into Pre-existing Complexity-based Organization Change Practices

Joe Melnick, USA, History of the Practice of Gestalt with Groups

Frans Meulmeester, Netherlands, Cancer in Perspective: a Counseling Group for Cancer Patients

Konstantin Pavlov, EEGI, Russia, The Groups & Society Dynamics in Post-Soviet Lands: The “Insider’s” Perspective

Chantelle Wyley & Shanil Haricharan, South Africa, Forces For Change And Forces For Sameness: Reflections On Consulting In The South African Public Service And Working With Groupings Around Traditional Culture, Liberation Culture, And Organisational Culture
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