



AFT

Conference 2024

19 & 20 September | Bristol & Virtual

Uniting communities; the difference that makes the difference
Evolving systemic ideas and practice in therapy, research, and social justice



We are delighted to welcome you to the AFT conference. We hope the programme and the range of keynote speakers and workshops will connect you with the theme.

The conference organising committee

Please note: Where the **V** symbol appears the session will be live-streamed to virtual delegates and recorded to be made available later, and you may appear on camera. There will be photos taken at conference for the website, social media and *Context* magazine. If you do not wish to appear in these please email Louise.Norris@aft.org.uk

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
08:30 – 10:00	Foyer	Registration and coffee
08:45 – 09:35	SS Great Britain	Pre-conference fringe session – Mindfulness Shan Tate
10:00 – 10:30	Bristol Suite V	Welcome to the conference Hannah Sherbersky, Parveen Kaur, AFT board, Ruth Pitter MBE – Bristol voluntary sector and arts leader
10:30 – 12:30	Bristol Suite V	Keynote 1 – Word and language: Lingerin transcontextual legacy in the tapestry of family therapy Nora Bateson & Maimunah Mosli
12:30 – 13:45	Foyer	Lunch
LUNCHTIME FRINGE SESSIONS – DAY 1		
12:45 – 13:30	Empire 3	Helping Ariel notice multiple stories Keith Oulton
	SS Great Britain	Becoming a feral family therapist – rewilding your practice Hugh Palmer
	Concorde 1	Embracing the NVR principle of utilising “supporters” in family based treatment for eating disorders Luke Cousins & Becky Midlane
	Empire 2	Section 28 and me: A salon Tom Marshman & Lois Bibbings
13:45 – 14:45	Bristol Suite V	Keynote 2 – Nature and belonging; Navigating from separation to reconnection with the Great Mother Roger Duncan
14:45 – 15:15	Foyer	Coffee break
WORKSHOP – SESSION A		
15:15 – 16:15	Bristol Suite V	Panel Discussion – Home & belonging Prof Hannah Sherbersky, Dr Tom Allport, Samira Musse, Dr Viola Sallay & Dr Tamas Martos
	Empire 2	AFT DWP’s diverse dialogues: Dialogues in unity Shakira Maknoon, Jennifer Achan, Linda Pow, Ruth Imber, Jennifer McKinney, Daniel Blake & Carol Hunt
	Concorde 1	The difference that makes the difference: Witnessing authentic voices in open dialogue Jasmin Izagaren & Ramón Karamat-Ali
	Concorde 2	Rebirth of Transgender Adolescent Mom – the phoenix rises from the ashes Dr Egita Plavina
	Wallace 1	Softening our systemic edges: From avoidance to approach Shilan Keskin
	SS Great Britain	The intergenerational effects of antisemitism and how it presents clinically Sylvia Metzger & Conny Kerman
	Wallace 2	Let silences speak: Practitioner as researcher, using situational analysis Dr Imogen Harries
16:15 – 16:45	Empire 3	Multidynamic relational therapy Dr Anthony Pennant Jr
	Foyer	Coffee break
WORKSHOP – SESSION B		
16:45 – 17:45	Bristol Suite V	Intercultural love: Workshop on cultural diversity in romantic relationships Dr Ekaterina Yurtaeva & Professor Divine Charura

16:45 – 17:45	Empire 2	<i>Paradox and process – coordinating reflexive rationalities with a monastery</i> Dr Christine Oliver
	Concorde 1	<i>Children’s, interpreters’ and group members’ voices and positioning in multilingual multi-family groups</i> Dr Natasha Nascimento
	Concorde 2	<i>‘Snakes and ladders’ – understanding Class as systemic psychotherapists</i> Danny McGowan & Ka Yan Chan
	Empire 3	<i>Centring identities in training: One LGBTQ+ example</i> Dr Robert Allan & Dr Sandra Taylor
	Wallace 1	<i>Systemic responses to the climate and ecological crises: The resource of community</i> Dr Chloe Constable & Rob Moore
	Wallace 2	<i>‘IMAGINE’: A community initiative to rethink our practice</i> Dr Claire Stephens & Matt Zarb
	SS Great Britain	<i>Intersex perspectives in systemic practice</i> Annette Strzedulla & Amanda Middleton
17:45		Conference day 1 close
19:00 – 19:30	Foyer	Drinks
19:30 – 21:00	Bristol Suite	Conference Dinner provided by Co-Exist Community Kitchen
21:00 – 23:00	Bristol Suite	Sound sculpture and DJ set – All welcome Jason Singh

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
08:15 – 09:30	Foyer	Registration and coffee
08:30 – 09:20	SS Great Britain	Pre-conference fringe session – Now you’re awake. Wake your creative brain! Martin Gill
09:30 – 10:30	Bristol Suite 	Keynote 3 – “There is no community without first communing”: The complexity of social justice in the intimacy of day-to-day life Nora Bateson & Dr Taiwo Afuape
10:30 – 11:00	Bristol Suite 	Welcome and meet the board Hannah Sherbersky, Parveen Kaur and AFT board
11:00 – 11:30	Foyer	Coffee break

WORKSHOP – SESSION C

11:30 – 12:30	Bristol Suite 	<i>Dismantling boundaries: A comprehensive dive into patriarchy’s influence on clinical practice</i> Hendrix Hammond & Derek Nasser
	Empire 3	<i>Loyalties that connect, loyalties that divide</i> Dr Chris Ward
	SS Great Britain	<i>How communities can accompany unaccompanied asylum seeking children</i> Dr Ana Draper, Elisa Marcellino & Samantha Thomson
	Concorde 1	<i>‘Find your village’ – culturally-coordinated understanding and action for families with ‘migrational heritage’</i> Dr Tom Allport & Samira Musse
	Concorde 2	<i>Community discourses about recovery from disaster: Perspectives on recovery voiced by community members four and five years after the Grenfell fire</i> Dr Naureen Whittinger

11:30 – 12:30	Empire 2	<i>Making sense of making sense in neurodivergent families</i> Sandy Burbach
	Wallace 1	<i>Co-production: The power of lived experience</i> Debbie Frances
	Wallace 2	Graduate student presentations Facilitated by Ramón Karamat Ali <i>An exploration with systemic family therapists of the relevance of social class, personally and professionally</i> Vicki Kitts <i>Dismissive attitudes and affirmative journeys: Parental perspectives on the mental health support of gender diverse children</i> Karl Hind
12:30 – 13:45	Foyer	Lunch with committee and group table-top talks
LUNCHTIME FRINGE SESSIONS – DAY 2		
12:45 – 13:30	SS Great Britain	<i>Crime: 'A simple blunder in logical typing'?</i> Becca Wellaway
	Empire 3	<i>How can we develop, support and sustain systemic leaders?</i> Philip Messent, Percy Aggett & Rozen Rauf
	Empire 2	<i>Explorations with the new Couples version of SCORE</i> Prof Peter Stratton, Prof Alan Carr, Dr Naureen Whittinger & Michael Galbraith
	Concorde 1	<i>Family and Systemic Psychotherapy apprenticeships – What are they? Why did we do them?</i> Kevin Hawkes, Mary John, Bob Williams & Marie Gibbons
13:45 – 15:15	Bristol Suite V	Keynote 4 – UNITE: Understanding, and Navigating Intersectionality, Tensions of opposites and Equity: Systemic ideas in relational activism, social justice, research and practice Prof Divine Charura
15:15 – 15:30	Foyer	Coffee break
WORKSHOP – SESSION D		
15:30 – 16:30	Bristol Suite V	<i>Relational activism: Becoming a systemic nomad</i> Dr Karen Partridge & Tim Fisher
	Empire 3	<i>E/merging voices</i> Julie Oates & Debbie James
	Empire 2	<i>Supporting neurodiverse families with a neuro-affirmative framework</i> Cindy Hsiang
	Concorde 1	<i>Systemic family therapy in adult forensics</i> Dawn Thibert
	Concorde 2	<i>Belonging, place and community in residential care for children and young people</i> Dr Deborah Judge
	Empire 1	<i>Enhancing access and equity in mental health – systemic practice in faith and community settings</i> Heleni-Georgia Andreadi & Sylvia Metzger
	Wallace 1	<i>A whole-family approach to sibling sexual abuse assessment and intervention</i> Dorota Rospierska & Rebecca Williams
	Wallace 2	<i>Rewilding therapy and community building</i> Chiara Santin
15:30 – 16:45	SS Great Britain	<i>Every Brilliant Thing: A play performed by Philip Robinson</i> Philip Robinson
16:45 – 17:15	Bristol Suite V	Conference close – Student reflections with Divine and the AFT board Prof Divine Charura, AFT board and students