

Turvey Groupwork Foundation Course in Group Analysis 2025 – 2026



About the Course

The aim of the course is to enable students to experience what happens when people meet and work together in a group. You will learn about and experience group process through lectures, seminars, workshops and through being a member of an experiential group for the duration of the course. Friday's workshops and the large group for this course will be via zoom. **This course offers a blend of in-person and on-line group experiences.**

The Theory

The workshops provide an introduction to the psychodynamic theory underlying Group Analysis. On Saturday mornings a guest speaker gives a keynote lecture. Other seminars and workshops explore further the practicalities of working with groups in various settings (NHS, Social Services, Private Practice, and Counselling etc.) Students will be invited to participate actively by presenting academic papers during the course.

The Experiential Group Experience

Conducted by Lucy Chessum and Pauline Kennedy

The small experiential groups can offer you the opportunity to learn:

- About yourself as you seek to relate to each other in the group on a strictly personal level.
- About therapeutic groups: which experiences can be helpful, and which might be potentially harmful.
- About the skills of a group conductor: how to cope with the stress which working with therapeutic groups inevitably brings; how to facilitate communication and how to safeguard the boundaries etc.
- About the limitations of group therapy: concerning one's own suitability and also its use for others.

(These groups take place in person during the block weekends and online between block meetings on 5 Monday evenings.)

The Large Group

Conducted by Jo Edwards Goodman and Andy Espey

An experience of being in a group with several generations of graduates from Turvey Foundation, Diploma and MSc. Qualifying Courses, who hold the sense of community and an interest in understanding themselves in a group context. The Large Group meets monthly, on-line, on the 3rd Friday 7pm-8.30pm.

Course Dates

Weekend beginning:

17th October; 5th December 2025.

20th February; 17th April,

19th June 2026

The weekend timings

Fridays 5pm to 6.30pm then 7pm to 8.30pm – on line via zoom

Saturdays 9am to 6pm – in person

Sundays 9.30am to 3.30pm – in person

Monday 6pm to 7.30pm on line via zoom.

Further Training

The completion of this course qualifies you to apply for the IGA Diploma Course in Groupwork Practice, (which is convened at Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire) and associate membership of the Institute of Group Analysis.

Venue

We are located in the grounds of the Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, adjacent to Turvey Abbey. Turvey is situated between Northampton and Bedford and is within easy reach from the M1 (J.14). Trains are direct from London to Bedford.

Fee: £1450

Early bird fee of £1300 available until
April 2025

Payment options available. We are
happy to discuss this with you.

(Please contact Course Convenor for
details of bursaries available for students
in need of financial support)

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