

Turvey Groupwork

IGA Diploma in Groupwork Practice

2026-27

(at Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire)

Group Analysis is a powerful therapeutic medium that focuses on the relationship between the individual and the group, emphasising the social nature of the human experience. This is an advanced introduction to the theory and practice of group work, which can lead to Group Work Practitioner Status and Associate Membership of the IGA. It is also a necessary part of the full training as a Group Analyst.

The course offers a blend of in-person and on-line group experiences.

Entry requirements:

- IGA Foundation Course or equivalent training
- Degree or entry essay
- Group to bring to Work Reflection Group agreed with the Course Convenor
- Attendance at a course interview with Convenor and a personal consultation meeting with training Group Analyst.

The course runs over 10 block weekends from September 2026 to July 2027 from Friday evenings through to Sunday afternoons.

Course dates - weekend beginning:

September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 4th 2026;
January 15th, February 19th, March 12th, April 16th, June 18th, July 16th 2026

Large Group meetings comprised of current Foundation and Diploma students along with former Turvey courses graduates, is convened online on the 3rd Friday of each month 7pm-8.30pm)

National Learning Experience

This three-day event will provide an opportunity to explore some area of the curriculum in greater depth and an extended experience of working together in various groups with students from across the country, (venue and date TBC usually end of April).

Assessment

1 trial essay 2 essays - 1 theoretical, 1 reflective practice
WRG supervisor's report and workplace supervisor's report where relevant

Structure of Work Reflection Group (WRG)

WRG typically consist of up to 6 students and a WRG supervisor. Students take turns to present their work with the group that they have chosen to present in the WRG and this is discussed from a group analytic perspective by the whole WRG. Time is allowed for reflection on the process of the WRG itself. There is typically a minimum of 5 hours per student over the year for presentation and assessment.

Arrangements for Groups Presented

A wide range of groups are acceptable for the purposes of the Diploma. Groups may take place, for example, in health settings, in social care settings, in various settings in the community and in the wider spectrum of workplaces. The suitability of the group should be discussed with the Course Convenor before applying for the course. Some of the issues to be considered will include frequency of group; stability of the membership of the group; nature of the student's role within the group; ethical issues.

Personal Therapy

Membership of a psychotherapy group is a requirement of the course. Fees for this are payable directly to your group conductor.

Accommodation: Onsite accommodation and meals are available
[Retreat and Conference Centre | Ripon College Cuddesdon \(rcc.ac.uk\)](http://Retreat and Conference Centre | Ripon College Cuddesdon (rcc.ac.uk))

Deadline for applications: 31st July 2026



Venue:
Cuddesdon Retreat
and Conference Centre
Cuddesdon,
Oxfordshire
OX44 9EX

Fee: £4,750
Payment options available. We are
happy to discuss this with you.
(Early bird fee of £4550 available
until end of April (2026))

There is a non-refundable
registration fee of £200 payable
with your application

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

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Our Setting and Culture

A tranquil setting in the Oxfordshire countryside enhances the feeling of safety and containment needed for our group analytic learning community to explore different permutations of relational belonging. This occurs through a range of experiences including, analytic groups, community meetings, large groups, theoretical and clinical seminars. Together, our diverse membership strives to challenge orthodox power dynamics in society, to co-create a decolonized culture which embraces intersectional ideas.