



IGA FOUNDATION COURSE IN GROUPWORK

ONLINE COURSE

Information for applicants

Closing date for applications for the online course
starting in November 2024: 30 September 2024

(Late applications may be accepted if places are available)



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About the Course

Thank you for your interest in the IGA foundation course in Groupwork. GAN offers both an in-person and an on-line foundation course. This leaflet provides information about the online course. There is a separate leaflet available which covers the in-person course.

The foundation course is a recognised professional qualification in groupwork and group dynamics. It is a one-year standalone course, providing a comprehensive introduction to group dynamics alongside building your practical skills to manage groups confidently.

The course provides an overview of group analytic theory through a series of seminars and lectures. Students will also be a member of a small experiential group throughout the course year.

The **experiential group** will be conducted by an experienced Group Analyst and will determine its own therapeutic level and goals. Experiential groups provide containment and support in addition to facilitating learning. Experiential groups can also be experienced by some students as emotionally demanding.

The **theoretical sessions** lead to increased understanding of the dynamic processes which occur in the experiential group. Learning occurs partly through integrating across the boundary the experience of being a member of both an experiential group and a seminar group. Seminars are facilitated by Group Analysts. All foundation course students will be expected to contribute to the running of the seminars. There is required reading for all seminars and students are advised to purchase the core text books.

There will be 6 online **large groups** throughout the year, where members of both the online and in-person courses will come together to share the experience.

The Course will:

- Give you the knowledge and skills to set up and run groups with greater confidence
- Help you work with an increasingly complex world: complex clients, complex workloads, complex teams and complex organisations
- Provide you with a learning community that promotes personal and professional development
- Support you in developing and sustaining resilience at a personal and organisational level
- Build your capacity to develop and maintain good working relationships with colleagues and others using an awareness of organisational dynamics and a greater understanding of how you relate to others in a group

Course Curriculum Includes:

- Fundamentals of unconscious processes
- General principals of group analytic psychotherapy
- Applying group analysis to organisations
- Setting up and running a group
- The importance of boundaries
- Therapeutic factors
- Leadership styles
- Attachment theory
- Groups in arts and culture

An IGA Certificate is awarded at the end of the course. There is a minimum attendance requirement of 80%.

The course is open to those from a wide range of disciplines including health, education and prison services; the clergy; social services; voluntary services, business and organisational consultants; counselling and psychotherapy services and anyone who is interested in the dynamics of groups.

Course Graduation

All students are invited to the training community graduation evening on Saturday 12 July 2025. Certificates are presented to students on the foundation and diploma Courses as well as to those graduating from the IGA Qualifying Course in Group Analysis.

Course Structure

The course is held online and will run on 26 Thursday evenings and 2 partial Saturdays from November 2024 to July 2025. Both the online and in-person courses will share 6 large online groups during the academic year – these will be held on Thursday evenings in place of 6 of the seminar sessions.

Course Dates

Preparatory/Interview Session: Wednesday 9 October 2024 from 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Induction Session: Wednesday 30 October 2024 from 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 9 November 2024 (10am - 3.15pm)

Thursday November 14, 21, 28

Thursday December 5, 12

Thursday January 2025, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursday February 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursday March 6, 13, 20, 27,

Thursday April 3, 10

Thursday May 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursday June 5, 12, 19

Saturday 21 June 2025 (10am - 3.15pm)

Saturday 5 July – in person Graduation (optional)

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Once a student is accepted on to the course, they will be given access to the Institute of Group Analysis' VLE. Seminar reading references are stored here and students can download them in preparation for the seminars.

Course Timetable

| Saturday 9 November 2024 & Saturday 21 June 2025 | |
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| 10.00 - 11.30 | Experiential Group |
| 11.30 - 12.00 online zoom social room available | Break |
| 12.00 - 13.15 | Seminar |
| 13.15 - 13.45 online zoom social room available | Lunch |
| 13.45 - 15.15 | Experiential Group |
| Thursday Evenings | |
| 16.30 - 17.45 | Seminar or Large Group |
| 17.45 - 18.15 online zoom social room available | Break |
| 18.15 - 19.45 | Experiential Group |

Course Fees

£1800 early bird rate for applications received by 31 May 2024, £1950 thereafter and £2100 for places which are funded by employers or organisations. There is an additional non-refundable recruitment and selection fee of £200 payable on application.

Options for Paying Fees

Full fees to be paid by 31 October 2024 or fees can be paid in monthly instalments.

Bursaries and Assisted Places

Small bursaries are available for self-funding applications. Full details can be found on the GAN website here [Bursaries and Assisted Places](#)

GAN also offers places on the foundation course to voluntary organisations to help fulfil its charitable objectives. Anyone interested in applying for a fee assisted place should contact the GAN Development Officer, Mandy Wildman at mndywldmn@aol.com

Course Application Process

The closing date for applications for the online course is Monday 30 September 2024. (Late applications may be considered if places are available.)

To apply for the course: Complete the application form and send it with the non-refundable selection fee of £200 with a photograph to Nadine Gregory, Clerical Officer at Group Analysis North clerical@groupanalysisnorth.com

You will then be invited take part in an online course preparatory group session where you can ask questions and gather more of a sense of what the course entails. This group session will be held online on Wednesday 9 October 2024, from 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Once you are offered a place on the course you will be asked to complete an acceptance form and pay the first month's fees in advance, to secure your place. You will also be asked to register with the Institute of Group Analysis (IGA).

Optional Extra Sessions

Work Reflection Group

An online Work Reflection Group runs monthly on Friday evenings (4.45pm – 8.15pm) and it may include students from the IGA Diploma Course. This group provides further opportunity for you to think about your work using group analytic ideas. As a student on the Foundation Course, you can apply for a place in the online Work Reflection Group (a further fee of £910 for self-funding and £950 for funded places applies).

Online Friday Seminars

As part of the theoretical component of the Diploma and Qualifying Courses, GAN runs 5 online Friday afternoon seminars from 1.30pm - 4.30pm which cover topics on "Applications of Group Analysis". Again, students on the Foundation Course can opt to attend any of these online seminars at no extra charge but they must register with the Training Administration Manager beforehand.

Want to know more?

Please contact Nadine Gregory at clerical@groupanalysisnorth.com or phone 07792 775301.