



The Postgraduate Diploma and Masters Team

The Place2Be staff leading our Postgraduate Diploma and Masters courses have a wealth of experience in the field of children's mental health and wellbeing.

Kali Turabi (MA Art Therapy, BSc Psychology, BEng Biochemical Engineering)
Programme Leader (Pg Diploma & MA) & Tutor (Year 2)

Kali has over 14 years' experience working in various mental health settings. She has worked with children and young people as an Art Psychotherapist in mainstream and special educational needs schools, in community settings and studio spaces. She joined Place2Be as a School Project Manager in 2013 before moving into the Learning & Development team as a Trainer for the counselling qualification courses as well as for school staff. She worked as a Place2Be Postgraduate Diploma Tutor before becoming Programme Leader. Prior to training as an Art Psychotherapist, Kali studied Neuroscience to Postgraduate level and worked as a Psychology Tutor, both at A level and Undergraduate level. Her ongoing areas of interest include understanding how non-verbal communication plays a role in the therapeutic communication. Imagination and creativity are also important interests both in her therapeutic work and in Kali's own painting and writing.



Paul Lucia
Programme Coordinator

Paul studied Psychology at the University of East Anglia before joining Place2Be in 2015. He currently works as the Programme Coordinator for the Postgraduate Diploma and Masters programmes, overseeing the non-clinical running of the course. This includes working with prospective students by organising Open Evenings and the application process; liaising with the University of East London; managing the learning platform, Moodle; organising course finances, calendars, weekends and work submissions; managing the library resources; and organising the graduation event. In his own time he has completed a Certificate in Counselling Skills with an intention to one day progress onto a full diploma.



Billy Lansdell
Postgraduate Diploma Tutor (Year 1)

Billy worked as a teaching assistant before finding his way to a counselling profession. He is a former Place2Be student and Counsellor on Placement, graduating from the Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Children in Schools in 2013. Billy subsequently worked with families experiencing complex addiction and domestic violence issues. His Masters research investigated the long-term impact of school counselling from a client perspective. Alongside teaching, Billy is a self-employed school counsellor and clinical supervisor.



Eleni Vambouli
Postgraduate Diploma Tutor (Year 1)

Eleni is a child and adolescent psychotherapist and has had many years of experience working with a wide variety of children including those who have experienced abuse or early childhood trauma, refugees and those in long-term foster care. She has worked in primary and secondary schools setting up counselling services and offering support to children, families and staff. Eleni worked for Place2Be as a School Project Manager for several years before becoming a trainer. She has a particular interest in treating intergenerational trauma and integrating neuroscientific research in the therapeutic process.



Rachel Gould
Child Observation Tutor (Year 1)

Rachel trained at the University of Sussex before completing an additional training in Psychoanalytic Observational Studies at the Tavistock. She has worked as a counsellor and counselling manager within schools and colleges since 2001 and is a Senior/Specialist (Children and Young People) BACP-accredited Counsellor. In addition to teaching Young Child Observation, Rachel works on the Mental Health Champions - School Leaders programme at Place2Be. She also holds a clinical post at Westminster University and teaches Counselling and Psychotherapy at Birkbeck, University of London.



Rebecca Lunn
Postgraduate Diploma Tutor (Year 2)

Rebecca started as a Counsellor on Placement for Place2Be before completing a Masters in Art Psychotherapy at Goldsmiths' College (University of London). She has extensive experience of school-based therapeutic work, including several years as School Project Manager at a Place2Be school in Wandsworth. Since 2012, she has been part of a skills-sharing project with a Botswana-based NGO, devising and delivering experiential workshops in the expressive arts for non-therapist professionals working with vulnerable children and young people there. She joined Place2Be's Learning and Practice Team in 2014, teaching CPCAB-accredited courses Levels 2-4, before taking on the Postgraduate Diploma Tutor role in 2018.



Sheila Simpson
Infant Observation Tutor (Year 2)

Sheila qualified as a social worker in 1983 and continued studying Psychodynamic Theory at the Tavistock Clinic. She completed an Observation Studies training in 1988 and a personal analysis, gaining an Advanced Award in Social Work in 2010. She has practised in various settings including a therapeutic community for adolescents, applying Winnicott's understanding of child and adolescent development. Since 1995 she has managed the leaving care service for children and young people in Kensington & Chelsea. A visiting lecturer at the Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust from 2006, she leads seminars on infant and young child observation and is co-organiser for The Emotional Needs of Care Leavers' course.



Emma White
Infant Observation Tutor (Year 2)

Emma has held a number of different roles at Place2Be over the past 18 years. She started out as a Counsellor on Placement in a Place2Be primary school before setting up her own service in a Women's Health Centre, developing workshops for children and mothers affected by domestic violence. She studied for an MA at the Institute of Arts in Therapy and Education and now works independently as a Child Psychotherapist in a boy's secondary school. Emma has been a trainer and tutor for Counsellors on Placement, school staff and within the Professional Qualifications team, and over the last two years has been a tutor for Postgraduate Diploma students through their Infant Observation module.



**Sally Stamp (MSc, MA Dth (equivalent), Dip Couns, BA, HCPC registered
Dramatherapist, UKCP registered)**
Experiential Group Facilitator (Years 1 and 2)

Sally has a Postgraduate Diploma in Dramatherapy from University of Hertfordshire and an Msc in Group Analysis from Birkbeck. She is a registered dramatherapist and dramatherapy supervisor and a member of the Institute of Group Analysis. She has worked for over 20 years as a dramatherapist and adult psychotherapist in forensic settings with adolescents and adults; and as a psychotherapist, couples' therapist, group analyst, supervisor and staff support group facilitator in the NHS, Third Sector organisations and in private practice. She is trained in Mentalisation Based Therapy (MBT) from the Anna Freud Centre, and is a registered MBT supervisor. She has connections to and has provided supervision and consultation activities for staff members in Emergence. She is published and has presented many papers at national and international conferences.



Sachiko Kishi (MA, Dip Psy, Dip Couns, Dip Supervision, BA, MBACP and UKCP registered)

Experiential Group Facilitator (Years 1 and 2)

Sachiko trained in group and individual Gestalt psychotherapy and in creative supervision. Her background is in the arts and in mental health; both in the community - where she has worked for over 20 years with young people and with adults and in higher education where she has worked 1-1 and with groups.



Sachiko provides individual and group supervision for Third sector organisations and for NHS staff specialising in trauma work and also has a private practice. She currently runs experiential workshops for students and training for staff at SOAS University of London and is also a member of the teaching faculty at the Gestalt Centre.

Outside Speakers include:

- Delia Edwards-Julien
- Emilia Dowling
- James Hawkins
- Jill Morgan
- Kali Turabi
- Kelli Swain-Cowper
- Kris Black
- Marina Benini
- Michelle Hope
- Molly Wolfe
- Niki Cooper
- Sarah Houghton
- Sissy Lykou
- Stacey Price
- Sophie Robson
- Victoria Hayward
- Vidya Maharaj