

**Certificate/Diploma In Contemporary  
Trauma Practice:  
Mind, Body And Relationship:  
*Developing Competence in Applying  
Neuroscience to Therapy*  
January to October 2026**



**Led by Miriam Taylor**  
**assisted by Nick Adlington**  
**with guest trainers Martin Capps, Ed Fellows,**  
**Sonja Hookway, and Margaret Landale**  
**Seven modules (120 hours)**  
**Central Oxford and online**

We are delighted that this successful training (this will be the eighth cohort) is to run again. Due to popular demand we have decided to run this cohort both face to face and online. The five two-day and two three day workshops will build your confidence, skills and understanding in working with trauma, especially complex trauma.

Grounded in a relational field perspective, the programme will offer a safe, non-pathologising and accessible approach to working with trauma. Drawing on a cutting-edge contextual approach to shared trauma, it will offer a combination of relational, embodied and experiential perspectives on trauma, including pragmatic ideas on psycho-education and experimental interventions.

The course will be creative and rigorous and have an emphasis on practice. It will be underpinned with input on, and discussion of, collective trauma, neuroscience, trauma theory, embodiment and developing resilience as a practitioner.

This programme is suitable for counsellors, psychotherapists, coaches, organisational development consultants and other mental health practitioners who wish to extend their work with trauma, including those with an interest in using relational principles based on humanistic practice.

We will place an emphasis on developing a supportive training environment where you can build confidence in working with people presenting with trauma, complex trauma and dissociation. The focus will be on gaining an understanding of the impact of trauma on individuals and in the wider field. We will support this process by developing your ability to work with unspoken and embodied processes, including your own. As we work together to extend your practice to include a trauma focus you will learn a range of effective interventions; both psycho-educational and experimental.

**There is maximum group size of sixteen, early application is advised.**

**Venue:**

Friends Meeting House,  
St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LW  
and online

**Dates:**

January 16/17 2026 (Oxford)  
February 27/28 2026 (Online)  
April 17/18 2026 (Oxford)  
May 22/23/24 2026 (Online)  
July 3/4 2026 (Oxford)  
Sept 11/12/13 2026 (Online)  
October 23/24 2026 (Oxford)

**Times:**

09.30 – 17.30 (UK time) each day

**Cost:**

£2,400 or £2,150 early bird price  
for booking prior to  
15 July 2025  
(£2,600 and £2,450 for  
organisations).  
Non-returnable deposit £150  
payable on acceptance of  
application.  
Monthly payment options are  
available.

For more information or to book  
call or email:

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**COURSE LEADER - Miriam Taylor** is a British Gestalt psychotherapist (UKCP registered), supervisor and trainer. Now partly retired, Miriam was in clinical practice between 1995 and 2022. Her background was in adult education before training as a counsellor and psychotherapist. She was clinical lead of a young peoples' service and for several years worked in a specialist trauma service. Miriam's particular interest is in the integration of trauma and the role of the body from a relational field perspective. She teaches in the UK and internationally, has been a trainer, Academic Consultant and examiner for Metanoia Institute, London, and is on the Leadership Team of Relational Change. Miriam is author of two books on trauma and several peer reviewed and invited articles.

**GUEST TRAINER - Margaret Landale** is an experienced psychotherapist and supervisor. She has been a training director at the Chiron Centre for Body Psychotherapy in London and delivers workshops and talks nationwide on subjects such as somatization, complex trauma and embodied empathy. Having been a meditator for many years, she has become increasingly interested in the integration of mindfulness in psychotherapy and has taught on the Mindfulness in Individual Psychotherapy module at the Centre for Mindfulness Research and Practice, Bangor University. Publications include: *'Working with psychosomatic distress and developmental trauma'* in: Contemporary Body Psychotherapy – The Chiron Approach, Linda Hartley ed. *'The use of imagery in body oriented psychotherapy'* in Body Psychotherapy, Tree Staunton ed.



**GUEST TRAINER - Ed Fellows** is a UKCP Accredited Gestalt Psychotherapist, supervisor and yoga practitioner and is also trained in Sensorimotor Psychotherapy and EMDR. He is a Senior Complex Trauma Psychotherapist in Secondary Care in the NHS as well as in private practice. At the Maudsley Hospital, Ed has facilitated weekly in-patient trauma groups on psychiatric wards for 20 years. In Primary Care he was the Trauma Group Lead and Bereavement Lead for many years. Ed is also a founding member of the Complex Trauma and Dissociation Group at the Maudsley. Having a background as an artist, and a yoga teacher, Ed brings many years of working creatively with body awareness and movement into psychotherapy. His work is also informed by growing up with animals from whom he learned early lessons about movement, healing and the environment. Ed is a trainer in this country, including for Metanoia and Confer, as well as in Europe.

**COURSE MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR and GUEST TRAINER –**

**Martin Capps** is a Gestalt Psychotherapist, trainer, coach and supervisor with over 25 years of experience in the private, NHS and third sectors as a counsellor, psychotherapist, supervisor and trainer. He has a particular interest in shame as a relational process, and its impact on individuals and organisations, and in particular how it may present in the therapeutic and supervisory relationship. Martin has developed with a colleague, Gillian Downie, the powerful and popular experiential workshop entitled "The Secret Agent of Shame: Shame in the Therapeutic Relationship", which has been regularly running since 2015. He has taught extensively on various psychotherapy trainings and is also currently the manager and a trainer at the Centre for Supervision Training Development, Bath. He is an associate of Relational Change.



**GUEST TRAINER - Sonja Hookway** is a UKCP registered psychotherapist and has worked in mental health since the mid 90s. She spent several years as a patient advocate in acute psychiatry and worked in university student mental health as a co-ordinator between 2006-2015. She trained in the use of the arts in therapy and education at IATE, completing her UKCP accredited training with Welsh Psychotherapy Partnership. Sonja is one of the founder members of Swansea Psychotherapy Partnership, believing in the supportive power of relational networks. She has been in private practice as an integrative psychotherapist since 2012. Her regular yoga and meditation practice are a joy and foundational to her wellbeing. She completed the Diploma in Contemporary Trauma Practice with Relational Change in 2019 and has acted as both an assistant and guest trainer on previous courses.

**ASSISTANT TRAINER - Nick Adlington** is a UKCP registered gestalt psychotherapist who works with staff in a hospital in South London on a one-to-one and group basis, as well as working in private practice. He has a special interest in helping clients understand the legacy of having lived through traumatic life experiences, as well as build resourcing and capacities towards a life more lived. He also has a special interest in conflict and mediates and facilitates with both families and staff in the workplace to help them transform painful and distressing relationships. Nick lives in West London and has a passion for music, adventure, and the natural world. He completed the Diploma in Contemporary Trauma Practice in 2022.



# Structure of Programme

## **Module 1: 16/17 January 2026 - Oxford**

**Miriam Taylor**

An introduction to the fundamental concepts of neuroscience and their relevance to the experience of trauma, informing the approach and methodology for working with trauma.

## **Module 2: 27/28 February 2026 - Online**

**Miriam Taylor**

The neurobiology of fear and dissociation and how to work with them

## **Module 3: 17/18 April 2026 - Oxford**

Deepening Support: Top Down and Bottom Up

**Day 1:** Cognitive approaches

**Day 2:** Somatic approaches

**Martin Capps**

**Margaret Landale**

## **Module 4: 22/23/24 May 2026 – Online (three day module)**

The impact of trauma on relationship from both sides of the therapeutic dyad.

**Days 1 and 2:** Trauma wounds and attachment

**Day 3:** The Well Resourced Therapist

**Sonja Hookway**

**Miriam Taylor**

## **Module 5: 3/4 July 2026 - Oxford**

Working Through the Trauma

**Day 1:** Sequencing of body memory; skills development

**Day 2:** Processing slivers of memory; trauma sensitive yoga

**Margaret Landale**

**Ed Fellows**

## **Module 6: 11/12/13 September 2026 – Online - (three day module)**

Collective and personal trauma: key questions in the contemporary field. *Three day module*

**Days 1 and 2:** Oppression, Power and Trauma.

**Day 3:** Contextual perspectives on personal trauma

**Miriam Taylor**

**Ed Fellows**

## **Module 7: 23/24 October 2026 - Oxford**

**Miriam Taylor**

The Legacy of Trauma

Integration, positive growth and living without fear

A full course outline will be sent to you on booking

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This course can be completed at three levels:

- 1. Attendance Certificate**
- 2. Certificate Award - £300 extra**
- 3. Diploma Award - £450 extra**

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Early bird cost £2,150 for individuals, £2,450 for organisations, available for booking prior to 15 July 2025 with the required non-returnable deposit of £150. After this date the full fee £2,400 for individuals, £2,600 for organisations will be payable, early booking is advisable. If you would like to pay by instalments, this can be arranged by speaking to/emailing Martin Capps.

Book by calling (07941 647740) or preferably emailing Martin ([martin@martin-capps.co.uk](mailto:martin@martin-capps.co.uk)) with trauma course in the title.

Payment and cancellation: £150 deposit (non-returnable) payable on booking. The balance will be payable four weeks prior to the first workshop if arrangement for instalments has not been made. If you cancel within four weeks of the training 50% of the fee will be payable, 75% if cancelled within two weeks. If a replacement can be found for your place a full refund will be given less the deposit. Please note that you are committing to taking the whole training – if you drop out of the course part way through the full fee is still payable.

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**1. Attendance Certificate**

- a. 90% attendance minimum
- b. Reflective journal - optional
- c. A 10 minute case presentation to the whole group demonstrating the use of an effective intervention and learning from the course, followed by 10 minutes discussion.

**2. Certificate Award - Fee £300**

- a. 90% attendance minimum
- b. A reflective journal, ungraded.
- c. A 10 minute case presentation to the whole group demonstrating the use of an effective intervention and learning from the course, followed by 10 minutes discussion.
- d. A 2,500 word review of any book from supplied book list. Consider the structure, the main themes, and the relevance to your own practice. To be handed in during October 2026 (exact date to be confirmed).

**3. Diploma Award - Fee £450**

- a. 90% attendance minimum;
- b. A reflective journal, ungraded.
- c. A 10 minute case presentation to the whole group demonstrating the use of an effective intervention and learning from the course, followed by 10 minutes discussion.
- d. A 4,500 word literature commentary to be handed in during October 2026 (exact date to be confirmed).