

TRUSTEES' PROFILES.

David Harrold Chair of trustees and joint treasurer:

I work as a Learning Support tutor at the University of Hertfordshire and at Simon Balle School, Hertford. I have experience in mental health drama work with children and with adults who have learning difficulties. I visited Gaza and delivered a training course there in using Drama for trauma therapy and evaluation. With Dr Altawil, I supervise the *Friday of Joy* project being run by PTC(UK) in Gaza. I am a co-founder of PTC(UK) and am its representative in the UK-Palestine Mental Health Network. I have helped organise conferences in the UK on mental health issues relating to Palestine.

Belinda Milani Joint training supervisor:

I am a Family and Systemic Psychotherapist registered with the UKCP, with over 20 years' experience of working with children, young people and their families initially as a social worker and then for the NHS in Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) as a Consultant Systemic Psychotherapist and Professional Lead for Family and Systemic Psychotherapy. I am an approved supervisor with the Association of Family Therapy and Systemic Practice (AFT) and a visiting lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire where I teach trainee psychologists on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. As a supervisor for the Family Therapy project at PTC(UK), I regularly participate in Skype supervision sessions with the Palestine Trauma team offering my clinical, supervisory and training experience to the team in discussing their complex work.

Gesine Miller, Joint training supervisor:

I am Lead Therapist with the Zig Zag Children's Service at Whipps Cross Hospital. I became involved with PTC UK due to my interest in trauma work with children and families but also due to having lived in Palestine for several years. (I have obtained two Masters in child psychotherapy – one in child-centred play therapy and the other one in psychoanalytic studies). Thus my wish/interest has been to offer my professional experience and knowledge to the PTC(UK) team in Gaza where it feels appropriate and helpful to them. Due to regular monthly skype sessions I have come to know the team and their clinical work in Gaza. My colleagues at PTC(UK) and myself have regularly discussed their complex clinical work and various case studies. I am an Arabic speaker.

Colin Egan, Joint treasurer and jointly responsible for risk management:

My knowledge of IT has been gained from working in the School of Computer Science at the University of Hertfordshire for over 23 years. My expertise is in Computer System Design, Computer Network Infrastructure Design and Cyber Security. This means that I can help PTC(UK) with security checks and online administration at a professional level.

Jill Weston, deputy chair and jointly responsible for managing risk:

I am currently a borough councillor and run a local community centre. I was Chair of the Environmental Strategy Committee on Welwyn Hatfield Council in the 1990's and stood as the Green Party Parliamentary candidate in 2010. I have been a secondary school English teacher and a Special Needs teacher, including children excluded from school. I have for many years also been a human rights/peace/environmental campaigner. Regarding PTC (UK), my experience in local government has given me useful insight into political processes and some useful contacts. I take an active interest in communicating with the teams in Gaza.

Tareq Ismael, joint check for information/public profile and counter fraud:

I am a radiographer working at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. I am an Arabic speaker and am able to check documents written to or for the charity in Arabic. I have dual British and Jordanian nationality and a fairly good knowledge of that region in the Middle East. So I can advise the charity on customs and practices there as well as checking on who to trust and who not to trust.

Paul Charlwood, joint check for information/public profile and counter fraud:

I have a special interest in Middle Eastern affairs having spent student years a long time ago in Israel and India, gaining some knowledge of Hebrew and Sanskrit. I worked subsequently for HM Revenue & Customs as an investigator and then set up a small business in this line. A chance, local contact brought me into PTC(UK)'s vital charitable work. My HMRC experience means that I can suggest ways of checking for fraud and advise on appropriate safeguards.

Denis Hawes secretary:

I have been involved in small-scale community development projects in developing countries for most of my working life, and have lived and worked in The Gambia, Yemen and Somalia. From the late 70s until retirement in 2004, I have worked for a small progressive international development agency, Progressio, at first in the field, then in London office, and as their international programmes director from 1990. I have had experience of working on projects on the ground and in managing, supporting and assessing them from afar. Organisational focus was on challenging poverty and inequality and its causes through practical skills-sharing and advocacy with local communities in programmes in Latin America, South East Asia, southern Africa, Somalia and Yemen. Projects focused mainly on health, gender, HIV/AIDS, environment and small-scale agriculture. From 2006 - 2012 I worked as a part-time consultant with Muslim Aid, supporting overseas programme staff, and preparing organisational policy documents.

THERAPIST TEAM, OTHER THAN TRUSTEES:

Mohamed Altawil

Trainer and Supervisor in Family Therapy and Focusing. Projects Supervisor for PTC(UK)

Dr Altawil provides Psychological Services to Individuals and Organisations in the UK and Palestine. He specialises in psychological and cultural services for the Arab and Muslim community in Britain and overseas, with a particular emphasis on trauma.

Dr Altawil is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist, accredited by the [British Psychological Society](#) (BPS) and registered with the [Health and Care Professions Council](#) (HCPC). He was granted the status of Associate Fellow by the BPS in 2018 in recognition of his years of experience, and his contributions to the field of psychology. He has a PhD in Mental Health (Cairo University), and a PhD in Clinical Psychology (University of Hertfordshire, UK), where his research activities were in the field of trauma.

He supervises the projects set up by Palestine Trauma Centre (UK) to be run inside Gaza. He has personal contact with a number of mental health professionals inside Gaza and also responsible authorities in Gaza and the West Bank. He leads research activities and has

published results from these based on the therapeutic work inside Gaza. He has taken part in conferences in the UK, Ireland and the US on the basis of his work for PTC(UK).

Mary Patricia Jennings

Focusing Trainer, Independent Communications Consultant

Mary Jennings is a Focusing Trainer registered with the Focusing Institute in New York and a member of the Irish Focusing Professionals Network. She is part of a network of trainers developing a Community Wellness approach to Focusing in various parts of the world. As part of this work, Mary introduced Focusing with Children into Ireland in 2009-2010. She organised training for people working with the most vulnerable children and young people in youth services, child care services and teachers. The graduates were the first in the world to be recognised as Focusing Children Companions, a new category of Focusing practitioners recognised by the Focusing Institute. She has organised many Focusing conferences in Ireland, hosting people from all the world over the past 12 years.

Mary is a trained group facilitator and communications consultant, working with a wide variety of organisations in the public and private sphere in the broad area of marketing communications. This includes developing programmes and resources for school projects for *Young Social Innovators* and the *SVP*; both of these educational organisations work to create awareness of social issues and human rights among young people. She uses Focusing in her work with organisations to help people develop their listening and empathy skills in the course of their day to day interactions with colleagues.

Mary is a trainer and supervisor for the Focusing team in Gaza and, with PTC(UK), has facilitated a conference visit for the Gaza team leader to an international event in the Netherlands

Jeremy James Conway

Focusing Trainer, Independent Social Work Consultant

Jeremy (Jerry) Conway is a Focusing Trainer registered with the Focusing Institute in New York and a member of the British Focusing Teachers Association. He is part of a network of trainers developing a Community Wellness approach to Focusing in various parts of the world. As part of this work he taught Focusing in Afghanistan and developed an understanding of how to use Focusing in conflict areas and in an Islamic context. Focusing has been found to be effective in supporting people who have experienced war and conflict in their lives. He has been working with the Palestine Trauma Centre – UK since 2009 to develop materials to teach Focusing in Gaza. He has extensive experience in Community Work and Social Work as both a manager and a trainer.

Jeremy led the initial training of the Focusing team in Gaza and made two visits there on behalf of PTC(UK). He has had regular follow-up sessions on skype with the Gaza team and has trained the project co-ordinator, Dr Altawil, for the qualification in Focusing.

Guido Veronese

Family Therapy trainer

Dr Veronese visits Gaza regularly thanks to his contacts in Italy. He conducts research into trauma and is part of the PTC(UK) therapy advice team in Family Therapy. He has a PhD in clinical psychology and is an associate professor in the “Riccardo Massa” Department of Human Sciences for Education,

University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy; he is an expert in individual and collective trauma and narrative therapy for communities that experience hardships.

He visits Gaza yearly to deliver courses in trauma therapy and its research methods. He works mainly at Gaza Community Mental Health Programme and conducts some training with the PTC project teams. He reports back on an informal basis to the chair of trustees at PTC(UK) and to Dr Mohamed Altawil.