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Bridging & Humanifying Family Therapy Conference 2016



Singapore, Wednesday, 19 October 2016. Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Minister for Social and Family Development, officiates the Bridging & Humanifying Family Therapy Conference 2016. The inaugural family therapy practice conference, organised by the PPIS Family Therapy Institute (FTI), will promote the use of systemic lens amongst professionals working with families. The event will be held on October 19 and 20, 2016 at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport.

Through the conference, FTI aims to provide a “holding space” for working professionals in the field to deliberate on the importance of humanifying multicultural aspects in family therapy practice. The conference also raises the importance of clinical supervision for social workers in ensuring that their work with families does benefit families and that the professionals themselves are looked after. It also hopes to delve further than just the knowledge and skills development aspect with the special addition of international speakers who will share their insights in family therapy practice.

“Essentially it is a platform that bridges international and local family therapy practice-wisdom. FTI hopes that this will encourage local practitioners to learn from each other and with those from the region and the West, so that they are able to study and improve their own practices in finding a better fit,” says Ms Maimunah Mosli, Principal Therapist, PPIS FTI.

The theme of the Conference was derived from the holistic approach to family therapy practice, by identifying colliding aspects other than the families themselves, such as culture and belief systems that affect families in our multicultural community.

Participants will gain an increased awareness and knowledge on:

- The multiple contexts involved in families (specifically the Malay-Muslim) negotiating religion and spirituality in family living,
- The challenges that culture, spirituality and religiosity brings to family living,
- The idea of mutual learning context (Symmathesy) for families in negotiating conversations around spirituality and
- Positioning an intervention strategy to address family concerns.

“This is the first time that PPIS is publicly speaking in the context of religiosity and belief systems in family therapy. We are fully committed towards humanifying family therapy practice in our local framework so that more people are sensitised towards religion, spirituality and cultural aspects that are crucial in Singaporean families,” Ms Rahayu Mohamad, President PPIS, had this to add.

The event also marks the launch of the publication, “Finding Rhythm in Misfits of Families: A Therapists’ Reflexive Dance”, an initiative by PPIS in contribution to the social services sector. It contains the different types of reviews on divorce patterns, compiled reflections from different therapists and identification of potential research areas on a familiar topic.

Minister Tan Chuan-Jin will be available for a doorstep interview at the event after the stage programme.

Guest of Honour:

Mr Tan Chuan-Jin

Minister for Social and Family Development

Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC GRO

Keynote Speakers:

Nora Bateson (International Bateson Institute, Sweden)

Fergus Hogan (Waterford Technology Institute, Ireland)

Dr Naziruddin Mohd Nasir (Director of Religious Policy & Development, MUIS, Singapore)

Dr Rabia Malik (Tavistock College, United Kingdom)

Workshop Presenters:

Nora Bateson (International Bateson Institute, Sweden)

Dr Rabia Malik (Tavistock College, United Kingdom)

Karen Carberry (United Kingdom)

Juliana Toh (Counselling and Care Centre, Singapore)

Dr Gail Simon (Bedfordshire University, United Kingdom) – Skype workshop

Tania Pombeiro, (United Kingdom) – Skype workshop

Maimunah Mosli (PPIS Family Therapy Institute, Singapore)

Basithah Zulkifli (PPIS Family Therapy Institute, Singapore)

Fergus Hogan (Waterford Technology Institute, Ireland)

Nuraida Khalid (PPIS Family Therapy Institute, Singapore)

Nabilah Bagarib (PPIS Family Therapy Institute, Singapore)

Fajariah Saban (PPIS Family Service Centre East, Singapore)

Nooraini Razak (PPIS As-Salaam Divorce Support Specialist Agency, Singapore)

Event Location:

Date: 19 - 20 October 2016

Location: Crowne Plaza Changi Airport (75 Airport Boulevard Singapore 819664)

Time: 0900 – 1700 hours

Event registration details:

For those interested, the fee is \$500 per participant inclusive of GST, and there are VCF funding and Zakat subsidy available. Pre-event registration, further information and updates on the event can be found at fticonferencesg.wixsite.com/ppisfti.

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About PPIS

Founded in 1952, PPIS (Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura or Singapore Muslim Women's Association) is a dynamic client-focused social service, non-profit organisation dedicated to working with women of all ages in carrying out their multiple roles in society. PPIS runs two core community services, namely Social Services and Early Childhood Education (ECE) Services. With eight Social Services centres and six ECE centres, both services work together to provide a quality and holistic support as well as developmental programmes for women and their families.

About PPIS Family Therapy Institute (FTI)

PPIS Family Therapy Institute (FTI) aims to be the leading family therapy, training and consultancy institute for families in Singapore. At FTI we believe that every individual matters. The Person & The Professional. Guided by systemic ideas, the institute hopes to nurture individuals, couples, families and professionals in negotiating positions through bridging relationships and battering interaction across array of contexts through therapy, training and consultancy.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ppis.sg>

Annex (Profiles of keynote speakers as a separate file/document)