



# Turvey Groupwork Foundation Course in Group Analysis 2026 – 2027

## About the Course

The aim of the course is to enable students to experience what happens when people meet and work together in a group. You will learn about and experience group process through lectures, seminars, workshops and through being a member of an experiential group for the duration of the course. Friday's workshops and the large group for this course will be via zoom. **This course offers a blend of in-person and on-line group experiences.**

## The Theory

The workshops provide an introduction to the psychodynamic theory underlying Group Analysis. On Saturday mornings a guest speaker gives a keynote lecture. Other seminars and workshops explore further the practicalities of working with groups in various settings (NHS, Social Services, Private Practice, and Counselling etc.) Students will be invited to participate actively by presenting academic papers during the course.

## The Experiential Group Experience

Conducted by Lucy Chessum and Pauline Kennedy

The small experiential groups can offer you the opportunity to learn:

- About yourself as you seek to relate to each other in the group on a strictly personal level.
- About therapeutic groups: which experiences can be helpful, and which might be potentially harmful.
- About the skills of a group conductor: how to cope with the stress which working with therapeutic groups inevitably brings; how to facilitate communication and how to safeguard the boundaries etc.
- About the limitations of group therapy: concerning one's own suitability and also its use for others.

(These groups take place in person during the block weekends and online between block meetings on 5 Monday evenings).

## The Large Group

Conducted by Jo Goodman and Andy Espey

An experience of being in a group with several generations of graduates from Turvey Foundation, Diploma and MSc. Qualifying Courses, who hold the sense of community and an interest in understanding themselves in a group context. The Large Group meets monthly, on-line, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7pm-8.30pm.

## Further Training

The completion of this course qualifies you to apply for the IGA Diploma Course in Groupwork Practice, (which is convened at Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire) and associate membership of the Institute of Group Analysis.

**Together, our diverse membership strives to challenge orthodox power dynamics in society, to co-create a decolonised culture which embraces intersectional ideas within our trainings.**

## Course Dates

Weekend beginning:

16<sup>th</sup> October; 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026;  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2027; 16<sup>th</sup> April 2027  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2027

## The weekend timings

**Fridays** 5pm to 6.30pm then 7pm to 8.30pm – online via zoom

**Saturdays** 9am to 6pm – in person

**Sundays** 9.30am to 3.30pm – in person

**Monday** 6pm to 7.30pm online via zoom (19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Feb, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> June)

Fee: £1450

Early bird fee of £1350 available until  
April 2026

Payment options available. We are  
happy to discuss this with you.

(Please contact Course Convenor for  
details of bursaries available for students  
in need of financial support)

**Venue:** The Centre for Group Therapy  
Turvey Monastery, Jacks Lane, Turvey,  
Bedfordshire

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