

Centering Ethics in Group Supervision by Creating a Culture of Accountability and Structuring Safety:

A Supervision of Solidarity



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Vikki's work is grounded in a spirit of solidarity and social justice activism. Vikki will illuminate her stance for a Supervision of Solidarity and an ethic of Justice-Doing as a frame for the supervision of community work and therapy. This will involve an explicit consideration of the intersections, tensions, and affinities between community work practice and social justice activism, centering ethics, doing solidarity, addressing power, fostering collective sustainability, critically engaging with language, and structuring safety. We will engage with our own stances for ethical supervision, and participate in a supervision practice of building a "Solidarity Group" with an intention of "walking our talk" and opening up our collective work to a hopeful skepticism that questions the ethics alive in our practice.

This two-day workshop is designed for those who are providing supervision or serving as team leads to counsellors or community service workers or for those with limited experience in the counselling supervision field and seeking an increased understanding of group supervision practices.

March 19 & 20, 2020 (9:00am – 4:30pm)
Wood's Homes, Parkdale Campus, Calgary

\$300 CAD per registrant

Workshop enrollment limited to 25 (registration and received payment is necessary to guarantee your place)

Registration: Contact Debbie Baker (Debbie.Baker@ucalgary.ca) at the Calgary Family Therapy Centre. Payment in cash, check, or electronic transfer (no credit or debit cards).

This experiential course will help participants

- consider how to promote dignifying and generative supervision groups for therapy and community work
- deconstruct "case consultation" norms that do not serve clients or practitioners, and consider what a "culture of critique" that is generative, expansive, connected, and dignified might offer
- consider practices of structuring safety and creating relationships of respect and dignity which can promote a culture of accountability
- share some exercises for creating intentional supervisory relationships
- create cultures of accountability that resist practices of surveillance
- practice examples of "Living Supervision" and creating "Solidarity Teams" to assist practitioners to work in alignment with our collective ethics.

Vikki Reynolds, PhD, RCC is an activist/therapist from Vancouver, Canada, who works to bridge the worlds of social justice activism and therapy. Vikki is a white settler of Irish, Newfoundland, and English folks, and a heterosexual woman with cisgender privilege. Her experience includes supervision and therapy with peers, activists, and other workers responding to the opioid epidemic/poisonings, torture and political violence, sexualized violence, mental health and substance misuse, homelessness and legislated poverty and working alongside gender and sexually diverse communities. Vikki is an Adjunct Professor and has written and presented internationally on the subjects of 'Witnessing Resistance' to oppression/ trauma, ally work, resisting 'burnout' with justice-doing, a "supervision of solidarity," ethics, and innovative group work. Vikki's articles and keynotes are available free on her website: www.vikkireynolds.ca

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