



DIALOGUES

Online

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

2000 – 2130 hours

With the idea that GR frameworks can be applied to develop an appropriate response to the needs of our times, we offer online dialogues from time to time.

Is there a role for a wise elder in society?

A talk by and discussion with Tim Dartington

Via zoom, Tuesday, 09 January, 2024

India standard time 2000 – 2130 hours

Introduction

Tim Dartington, based in the UK, is a writer, a group and organisational consultant, and a social researcher working from a systems psychodynamic perspective. For many years a group relations consultant in different countries and twice director of the Tavistock Leicester Conference in the UK, Tim draws on that experience to ask, is there a role for the wise elder in our social and political lives? What can we learn about the role of wise elder in the dynamics of group relations conferences?

Tim's introductory remarks on the topic note that capitalist systems have commodified spirituality, rebranded as well-being and resilience, so that we may better tolerate the mistakes being made on our behalf by corporations and governments. Living without spirituality, we may become envious of indigenous cultures and fearful of traditional belief systems, with their insistence on obedience as a prime virtue.

It is not straightforward to be a wise elder, a mix of experience and unreliable memory. Seen in that way, the authority of the old needs the strengthening qualities of what may be seen as a spiritual dimension to their thought.

Tim argues that the image of the wise elder is plausible, but should we think exceptional rather than the general rule? What are favorable conditions for the exercising of authority in old age, and how might we understand the role?

The Dialogue:

In the time we have from 2000 to 2130 hours IST, on Tuesday, 09 January, 2023, Tim would like to use the first 30 minutes to offer his views and reflections. The remaining time is for a more interactive dialogue– where the participants are invited to offer views, reflections and ask questions to take the dialogue further. Rosemary Viswanath Managing Trustee and Programmes Committee member of GRI will convene the dialogue.

Please fill in a simple registration form [here](#) to enable us to send you the zoom link and to have a sense of who is attending. We are sending this primarily to those in India who have attended our programmes or have evinced interest and are signed on to Group Relations India's mailing list .

There are 48 places in total, and no fee for attending this session.

It would be good to hear from you via the registration form by 4th January 2024 at the latest to confirm your place and send you the zoom link.

Write in to study@grouprelationsindia.org for any further information.



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