

# **Agreement between the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP) and the Irish Association of Humanistic and Integrative Psychotherapy (IAHIP) regarding The mutual recognition of each organisation's Accredited Supervisors**

Having regard to the existence of:

1. A shared understanding between our two organisations of the nature and purpose of supervision
2. Similar standards for the accreditation of supervisors within each of our two organisations
3. A shared history of affording mutual recognition to one another's supervisors, in more recent times to one another's accredited supervisors
4. A shared humanistic and integrative perspective on counselling and psychotherapy.

IT IS FORMALLY AGREED between our two organisations that for as long as such similarities and shared understandings continue to exist between us regarding the supervision of our respective Counsellors and Psychotherapists prospective Counsellors and Psychotherapists we shall each recognise the Accredited Supervisors of the other organisation as having equivalent standing as the Accredited Supervisors of our own organisation. In particular,

- IAHIP shall recognise Supervisors who are accredited by IACP as being acceptable to supervise its Pre-Accredited Counsellors and Psychotherapists (including, subject to Course Provider requirements) as well as Counsellors and Psychotherapists applying for re-accreditation.
- IACP shall likewise recognise supervisors who are accredited by IAHIP as being acceptable to supervise its Pre-Accredited Counsellors and Psychotherapists (including, subject to Course Provider requirements) as well as Counsellors and Psychotherapists applying for re-accreditation.
- Members from each organisation continue to be subject to the Code of Ethics and Practice and complaints procedures of their own organisation and Supervisors from one organisation, when working with Supervisees from the other organisation, shall have due regard to the Code of Ethics and Practice of the other organisation and shall co-operate, as necessary, with its complaints procedures.
- In the event of a complaint being upheld against a Supervisor from one organisation, resulting in suspension, that organisation will undertake to inform the other organisation at its earliest convenience.
- In the event of a significant change to its rules and regulations regarding supervision and the accreditation of Supervisors within one organisation, it undertakes to inform the other organisation at its earliest convenience.
- The agreement will be reviewed every two years by a committee composed of three members of each organisation to confirm that procedures and philosophies remain compatible.
- It will be sufficient, for the purposes of this mutual agreement, that supervisors from either IAHIP or IACP present a copy of their Certificate of Accreditation as Supervisor to the other organisation on request.

SIGNED on behalf of:

The Irish Association of Humanistic  
and Integrative Psychotherapy (IAHIP)

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