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"Thanks, and look forward to next seminar...."

A One-Day Master-class/ Seminar

Psychological Evidence-Based Approaches to Addiction: An advanced training for experienced professionals in the Addictions Field

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To be held in **London** (*Russell Hotel, Russell Square, WC1B 5BE*), on **Monday, 23rd November 2009**. Future 1-day master-classes will be held in Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff and Belfast, following the programme below. The first master-class has already been held in Glasgow: the comments throughout this leaflet are taken from the evaluation.

Programme

09.30 Registration

09.50 Welcome and Introduction: Davidson, Davies and Velleman

10.00 **Professor John Davies: The Nature of Addiction**

10.40 **Professor Robin Davidson: Clinical Issues in Addiction Treatment**

11.20 Coffee and Tea

11.40 **Professor Richard Velleman: Addiction and the Family**

12.20 Lunch

13.20 **Workshops on Advanced Clinical Skills** (each workshop will run twice, so delegates can attend two of them)

a) John Davies	b) Robin Davidson	c) Richard Velleman
Understanding Addiction	Facilitating Individual Change	Helping Affected Adult Family Members

14.50 Tea and Coffee

15.00 – 16.30 **Workshops on Advanced Clinical Skills** (as above)

16.30 **Plenary: Questions, Answers and Discussion**

You will not be exposed to flipcharts and group feedback! Instead, each delegate should come with one question to ask the three speakers.

17.00 Close

"Useful to take back to wider team for discussion and debate."

"Good to hear from professionals with both academic and clinical experience..."

"I found the seminar to be interesting, thought provoking and, at times, inspirational, so thank you!"

"Found it difficult to choose a workshop; would have loved the opportunity to participate in all three."

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Professor **Robin Davidson**, MSc, DPhil, AFBPsS, is the only *Professor of Clinical Psychology* in Ireland, is a *Consultant Clinical Psychologist* with the **Isle of Man Health Service**, and *Chairman* of the **Alcohol Education and Research Council (AERC)** in the UK. Robin is one of the most widely published clinical psychologists in Ireland, publishing in a number of fields: addictions, adult mental health and psycho-oncology.

In July 1997 Robin was appointed *Director* of the **Psycho-oncology service**, in the **Northern Ireland Cancer Centre** and secured £1.3m capital funding to establish the highly acclaimed **Macmillan Support and Information Centre**. He was also *Head of Clinical Psychology* for (and a *Consultant Clinical Psychologist* with) the **Belfast City Hospital Trust** from 1999 to 2008. Previously, Robin was *Principal Clinical Psychologist (addictions)* in Leeds, before becoming *Head of Clinical Psychology* services for the **Northern Health and Social Services Board** from 1984 to 1997. Robin has many long-standing regional and national responsibilities, including being *Joint Chair* of the **Guideline and Audit Implementation Network (GAIN)** which was established by the DHSS (NI) in 2007 (the NI equivalent of NICE). In February 2008 he was appointed by the UK Secretary of State for Health as *Chairman* of the **Alcohol Education and Research Council**. His research interests are motivational issues in addiction and the assessment of drug and alcohol dependence. Robin has editorial responsibilities for the journals **Addiction** and **Alcohol and Alcoholism**. Finally Robin has had a thriving Forensic practice for 25 years. He is regarded as the expert on substance misuse and offending in the NI Jurisdiction.

Professor **John B. Davies**, BA., PhD., FBPSS., FRSM is *Director, Centre for Applied Psychology, University of Strathclyde*, Glasgow which has a thirty-year record of research into alcohol and drug problems. John has researched into drugs and addiction since 1969.

John is Editor in Chief of the Journal '**Addiction Research and Theory**', and has authored a number of books and over 100 papers in refereed journals. At different times, he has been on the editorial board of the **British Journal of Addiction** (now '**Addiction**'), the **Royal College of Psychiatrists Special Committee on Drugs and Addiction**, and a member of the **Alcohol Education and Research Council**. He has made presentations on addiction problems in the **House of Commons**, internationally in America, Canada, New Zealand, and a number of European countries. He has received funds for research into alcohol and drug problems from the **ESRC**, the **Home Office (AERC)**, the **Scottish Prison Service**, and number of Health trusts and partnerships. He is currently a member of the special health board, **NHSS Quality Improvement** and a number of related committees. In a poll of practitioners published in the Journal of Substance Use in 2000, his text '**The Myth of Addiction**' came joint second in the category "*The five most frequently nominated books making the largest contribution to the field of addiction.*" He is a frequently invited speaker at addiction conferences both in the UK and elsewhere. He lectures on clinical psychology, therapies, social influence, and human factors; and on research methods at a post-graduate level.

Professor **Richard Velleman**, MSc., PhD., FBPSS., FRSS is *Professor of Mental Health Research* at the **University of Bath** and *Consultant Clinical Psychologist* within the **Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP)**. He has worked in the addiction field for over 30 years, and has specialised on the impact of addiction problems on children and the family.

He has set up and led non-statutory and statutory (NHS) addiction services, directed R&D within NHS Trusts, and been *Director of Strategic Development*, for one of the largest NHS trusts in the UK, responsible for Specialist Services as well as Performance Monitoring, Star Ratings and Child Protection. Internationally, he sits on the **EMCDDA's** Scientific Committee, has advised the **European Union** over drug prevention, developed drug prevention programmes in **Russia**, set up **ENCARE** [www.encare.info], an EU-wide network helping professionals work with children in families affected by substance misuse, and advised Governmental bodies in **Australia, Mexico** and **Italy** over the impact of substance misuse on families. In the UK he has served on the Executive of **Alcohol Concern**, been a member of **Alcohol Education Research Council (AERC)**, and has advised the **Home Office, Department of Health** and **National Treatment Agency for Drug Misuse (NTA)** about families and family involvement in drug misuse treatment. He has also served as an **Expert Witness** on more than 30 child protection cases relating to parental substance misuse or parental mental health problems. Richard has been awarded grants of more than £4,000,000 over his research career to date, and published over 200 items including 11 books, and numerous chapters and journal papers.

"All extremely interesting and valid - excellent day, speakers and discussion"

"I felt I wanted to attend all workshops: all would have been interesting and useful."

