

Public Lecture — Migration, Refugees and Mental Health in the UK

The Speaker: Ms Gill Martin

Date: 26 Oct 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Venue: AAB1038,
Academic & Administration Building



Gill Martin trained originally as a Social Worker in the UK but was employed as a Community Development Worker. She later studied a Masters in Health Policy and managed two research projects into Services for Adults with Physical Disabilities.

Since 1982 she has also practised as a Psychotherapist. She has worked with many people who have complex personality problems and with many victims of abuse and trauma. In 1999 she completed a MSc in Theoretical Psychoanalytic Studies at University College London. Throughout her career she has had an interest in problems of difference, of race in particular, in the UK context. Since 1995 she has developed a specialism in Refugee Mental Health which led to the development of two organisations providing holistic mental health care; a regional one in Yorkshire and one for individuals and families in Hull on the East coast. She also worked in the National Health Service delivering specialist clinical care in a General Practice.

She is a Trustee of Baobab, a therapeutic Service for Young Survivors of Persecution and Exile, based in London. She has delivered a number of training courses; in Counselling and Psychotherapy; in Refugee Mental Health; training for Interpreters and for professional who work with Interpreters. She has facilitated other workers in delivering training on Street Violence and Trafficking; Witchcraft Belief in Congolese Culture; the Culture of Somalia; and Female Genital Mutilation. Mental health work with migrants and with refugees in particular has to have a high standard of clinical understanding and training but also has a human rights dimension.

She is also a writer of poetry and short stories.

