

IPN Group Oxford: Ethical Statement

We believe that the Group's Ethical Statement needs to reflect how we see the world and how we aspire to live our lives. Our Statement is therefore intended to be a touchstone and a motivator for our respective practices. We recognise that reality sometimes requires a flexibility which cannot be present in a written statement.

We believe that an important part of being able to stand by each other's practice is experiencing each other in the Group, and therefore having a sense of what each individual is likely to bring to their practice.

Awareness of group process and interaction

We agree that each of us is willing to explore our own thoughts and feelings openly.

We believe that we are potentially creative, resourceful and powerful beings, who are at core needy and vulnerable. We recognise this within ourselves, within our professional relationships and within the Group. This recognition underpins our work.

Clients

The work is to bring our selves into contact with our clients, to be present with them and to work from the heart as well as the head, setting aside preconceptions, respecting the humanity of the client and recognising that each client is different.

We commit ourselves to offering anyone with whom we work our best attention, our openness and honesty, our awareness of conscious and unconscious process, and our willingness to do our own work.

We seek to be aware of, and to take into account, the power issues in our working roles; and will observe appropriate confidentiality and boundaries.

Personal qualities of members

We agree that personal qualities of honesty, integrity and openness to both enquiry and feedback in all areas are essential.

Values and diversity

We do not all work in the same way. What matters is how a practitioner integrates the values of this Ethical Statement into the context and role in which they work.

Standing by

We recognise that our understanding and experience of standing by will develop as we mature as a Group.

As soon as one of us realises that there might be ethical or legal issues arising from their work, they must immediately share such issues with the group.

Reviewing the Statement

We are willing to review this Statement as often as necessary in the light of new Group experience. We expect to be always aware of our Group process.

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