



## The Impact of Homophobia on Mind, Body and Soul

**Sunday 4th July from 13.45 – 18.45 (UK)**

Meeting space open from 13.30 (UK)

We invite you to join us in opening up a space for thinking about the phenomenon of homophobia - about the conscious and unconscious effects of homophobia for the individual, groups and society.

### **We offer this working definition of homophobia:**

Homophobia is a specific hatred of love between people of the same sex and of those who seek to reject aspects of gender conformity. It is a treacherous phenomenon that is tenacious with many facets. Although primarily aimed at people who are LGBTQ+, homophobia is an attack on all human connection and intimacy and has grown out of, and is sustained by, toxic masculinity, misogyny and gender-binarism. It has a wide arc from micro aggressions to murder and can range from a mean-spirited absence of reciprocity or mutuality - or something more violent - seeking only to attack potency in mind, body and spirit.

To experience homophobia is to experience something that cuts deep and gnaws away subtly at your sense of self, leaving you feeling that you are the receptacle of a poisonous hatred, feeling excluded, unlovable and an object of disgust. Homophobia can be internalised in feelings of shame, despair, and self-hatred and can lead to dangerously self-destructive acting out. Homophobia when internalised can take up tenancy in the minds and lives of members of the Queer community poisoning our intimate relationships with each other and curtailing fullest freedom of the mind.

The workshop will be a combination of group process and individual reflection. All participants are invited to treat the space as a private, safe and brave space in which the confidentiality will be to the group-as-a-whole. **The event is free.**

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The workshop will be chaired by Marit Joffe Milstein (GASi Chair of Online Communication Committee) and Peter Finn, UK

### **PROGRAMME (UK timings)**

- 1.30 Meeting space opens
- 2.00 Welcome and introduction by co-Chairs
- 2.05 Social Dreaming hosted by Laurie Slade, UK
- 3.05 Break for 15 mins
- 3.20 Speakers introduced by co-Chairs
- 3.30 Presentations by Stuart Stevenson, UK and Sarah Tyerman, UK - followed by Small Groups
- 4.30 Break for 15 mins
- 4.45 Presentations by Smadar Ashuach, Israel and Martina Stang, Germany
- 5.15 Large Group, co-conducted by Robi Friedman and Tammy Elad, Israel
- 6.30 Final feedback and close, led by Stuart Stevenson and Sarah Tyerman

## HOW TO REGISTER

You must register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsc-qqqj4uGdQydYu6lHjRt91P26F1f3dw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please submit any questions to: [ssteven301@aol.com](mailto:ssteven301@aol.com)

Date Time: July 4, 2021 13:30 London

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