

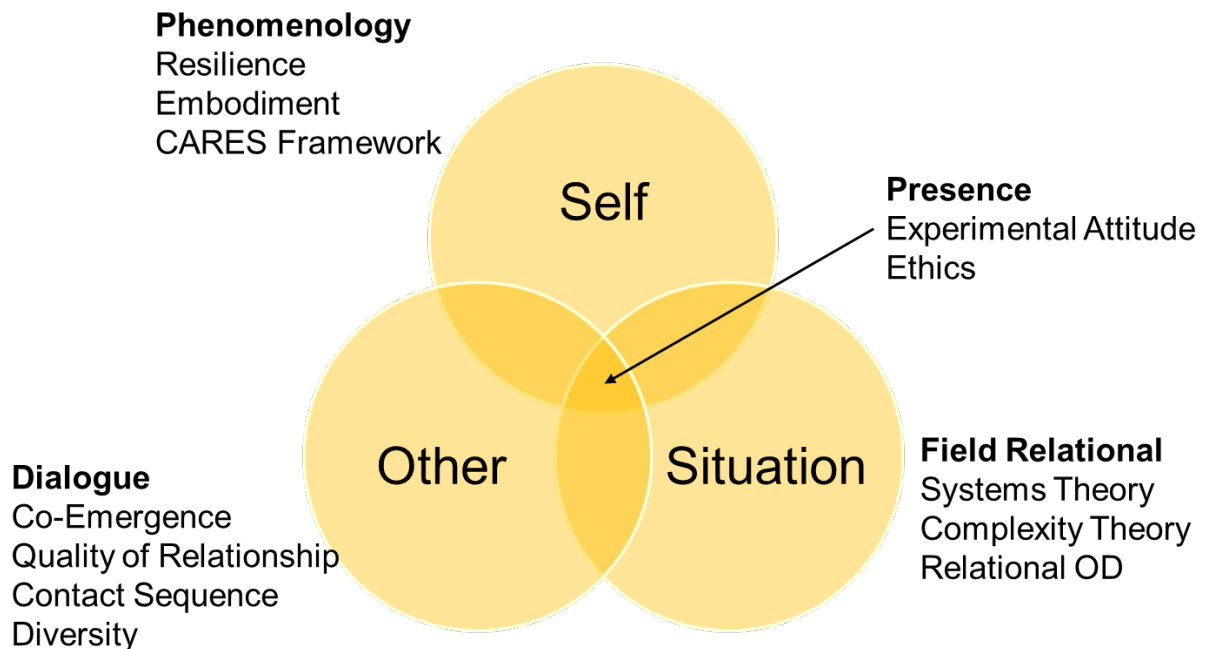
## Relational Organisational Gestalt (ROG)

### Phase One Training

#### What is ROG?

- ROG is a holistic and practical approach to facilitating organisational change, community organising, leading/managing and coaching teams or individuals.
- ROG is informed by Relational Gestalt psychotherapy theory and practice, the latest thinking in systems theory and complexity theory as well as other complementary theoretical concepts.
- ROG focuses on developing awareness and skills in three interrelated areas: Self, Other and the Situation. Together these lead to increased Presence.
- The following four applications will be explored on the programme: Leadership, Facilitation, Coaching and Consulting.

Key theoretical concepts and frameworks that inform our work are shown below.



### **Who will benefit from this workshop and programme?**

- Individuals working in an organisation who would like to learn the foundations of organisational change and development.
- Individuals with experience of organisational change and development who want to learn more about effective interventions and the gestalt aspect of organisational and personal change.
- Individuals who are gestalt-based counsellors or therapists and want to enter the field of coaching or organisational consulting.
- Individuals working/managing or leading in organisations/systems who want an increased understanding and appreciation of themselves/ their environment in order to be more resilient, effective and creative.

### **Admission**

PLEASE NOTE: This training/approach requires participants to explore and heighten their awareness of their personal patterns, values and context; this is designed to be both stimulating and challenging. Not everyone is supported at all times to engage in this way and so a phone assessment with each participant will be required. In addition, some participants find the ongoing support of a supervisor, psychotherapist or coach helpful in enhancing learning/application and managing aspects of personal process that call for further exploration.

**The Relational Organisational Gestalt (ROG) set of modular two-day courses can lead to a Post-Graduate Relational Change Certificate or Diploma on completion of all of the following five modules.**

### **1: ROG Foundations: An Introduction to Relational Organisational Gestalt**

Involvement in organisational change is hard at the best of times. As managers/leaders, OD/HR consultants/facilitators, coaches, employees or community organisers, we often struggle with how best to support ourselves and work effectively. With a Gestalt approach, our emphasis is on deepening awareness and appreciation of the dynamic and interrelated nature of everything. With this enhanced awareness Relational Gestalt offers a powerful philosophy and methodology for understanding, leading, implementing and sustaining organisational and individual change.

This workshop is the first of five modules leading to a Relational Organisational Gestalt Change Certificate/Diploma. This 2-day workshop will:

- Provide you with a practical introduction to the theory and practice of Relational Gestalt applied to organisations. We see ourselves as providing a strongly relational perspective recognizing the inter-relatedness of all elements of a system.
- Provide you with an introduction and experience of our Relational Organisational Gestalt models and frameworks for working with individuals, teams, communities and organisations in challenging times.
- Provide insight in to how to enhance your own presence and efficacy, whatever the role you play in change processes. There will be a combination of theory presentation, demonstration, live practice and case discussion.
- Provide you with the first step to join our Relational Organisational Gestalt certificate/diploma programme.

### **2: ROG SELF: Using Self as Instrument**

At its core, the ROG model relies on an aware practitioner making use of his/her ability to sense into a given situation. This two day module will focus on developing self-awareness and learning how to make use of this data to inform interventions. This module will also explore emotional resilience and how best to self-support. This module will stretch your personal awareness of both intention and impact and focus on key facilitation approaches and tools.

This 2-day workshop will be a combination of theory presentation, demonstration, experiential inquiry and live skills practice with feedback from the tutors. Participants will learn how to:

- Flex and adapt their personal presence to a range of situations
- Use their embodied sense of situation and context to inform interventions
- Facilitate individuals, groups and teams towards a stronger sense of both personal intention and impact
- Monitor personal well-being and resilience to develop a more sustainable approach at work

### **3: OTHER: The Between of Dialogue**

The workshop will explore the process of dialogue and how best to engage in challenging conversations, as well as look at how to work with emotionally intense issues. Coaching demonstrations as well as team work practice will provide opportunities to experience the ROG approach.

This 2-day workshop will be a combination of theory presentation, demonstration and live skills practice with feedback. Participants will learn how to:

- Foster and support better working alliances with their clients and establish better connections.
- Work dialogically to effect meaningful change.
- Notice patterns of relating in themselves and others as a way of deepening awareness and choice.
- Recognise resistance and how best to work with this from a gestalt perspective
- Extend their practice by experimenting and getting feedback on new and different interventions.

### **4: SITUATION: Wider System and Field**

In Gestalt we believe that we self-organise as a function of the situation, which means that behaviour cannot be understood outside of a context. This module will address change issues from a system/organisational perspective and provide participants with practical ways to engage with organisational change efforts.

This 2-day workshop will be a combination of theory presentation, demonstration and live skills practice with feedback. Participants will learn how to:

- Explore the application of Relational Organisational Gestalt beyond the one-to-one and dyad.
- Gain an understanding of Gestalt as a Relational Organisational Development (OD) approach and how it could apply to your work.
- Understand key principles of Field Theory, Systems Theory and Complexity as ways of working with organisations.
- Share ideas and gain feedback in a supportive environment

### **5: ADVANCED SKILLS: Integrating the Whole**

This final two day module is an advanced course that provides a learning space where you can experiment, extend and hone your relational skills and work on flexing your presence. Participants will learn how to attend to embodied resonance and work more with experimentation and creativity. As such this module will lean at times on modelling a spontaneous, co-emergent relational approach. An additional day will be added to the end of this module for those participants who wish to gain an ROG certificate /diploma.

## Certificate and Diploma Requirements

The certificate in Relational Organisational Gestalt (ROG) will be awarded following

- Attendance at all modules
- Participation in the peer-learning community
- Completion and presentation of a work related Action Learning Project (ALP)

In order to be awarded the Diploma in relational organisational gestalt, delegates will complete the above plus submit a piece of written work of approximately 4,500 words on a given aspect of the application of Gestalt to an organisational setting.

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