

Weaving Thoughts Workshop (EPF Committee Workshop)

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Content

The Weaving Thoughts Method is inspired by Bion's formulation 'thoughts in search of a thinker'. The authors of the method, J. Norman and B. Salomonsson, metaphorically describe it as «creating a weave of thoughts that emerges from the material; the aim of the method is to facilitate a work-group climate that allows thoughts to wander about, and to avert group members from debating and compromising the integrity of its members by letting basic assumptions come into power». The presenter makes no introduction apart from the child patient's sex and age, length of treatment and setting. In the morning, we concentrate on material from two analytic sessions. After lunch, the presenter and then the moderator share their impressions of the group's functioning. Both the emotional tone and the content of this discussion form part of the material. We find this process helpful in illuminating the transference and countertransference at work in the analytical relationship between presenter (analyst) and patient. In addition, the defences operative in the therapeutic relationship and in the group are an interesting focus. In the afternoon we hear a third session and associate to this in the light of the previous discussion.