



## Special Group in Coaching Psychology

Newsletter – March 2021



### Establishing routes to Chartership in coaching psychology

We're pleased to be able to bring you an update on the progress of our work towards establishing routes to Chartership in coaching psychology, and our desire to become the Division of Coaching Psychology within the BPS; a formal domain of practice.

A Special General Meeting of members of the SGCP was held on 12 January 2021. Members approved a proposal to request redesignation of the Special Group to the Division of Coaching Psychology, and also approved the proposed membership criteria as follows:

- Full membership
- GBC + completion of an accredited MSc in coaching psychology followed by Stage 2 training (supervised experience/society qualification), or;

- GBC + assessment of a portfolio of professional practice against standards for Chartership in coaching psychology, or;
- Completion of a non-accredited research PhD identifiable as being based in coaching psychology post GBC.

The Board of Trustees will now be asked to approve this proposal to be presented at the BPS Annual General Meeting in June, where members will be asked to vote on both the redesignation and the membership criteria.

We will be organising a series of events before the AGM to encourage debate and discussion, and allow members to ask any questions that they might have. We encourage all of our members to attend these, and the AGM in June, to make sure that their voice is heard!

It is proposed that there will be a 'grandparenting' route available to those who can demonstrate that they already meet the standards for Chartership of coaching psychologists. The criteria for this are still being developed and we will release details of this as soon as they are finalised.

It is further proposed that the professional recognition route will allow individuals to be evaluated against the standards for Chartership. This would be evidenced through a portfolio of evidence. This proposed new and innovative route to Chartership reflects the findings from the member journey work that foregrounds the need to develop flexible entry routes into and between the psychology domains of practice.

## Ongoing work

The SGCP Committee are now working on the following:

- Mapping the standards for Chartership and designing assessment criteria and portfolio components for the Professional Recognition route;
- Building a business case for a society qualification in coaching psychology or supervised practice route, and developing that route;
- Reviewing and redesigning the Register of Coaching Psychologists to include tiered registration, and apply for accreditation of the register through the Professional Standards Authority;
- Establishing an Education and Training Committee and training and establishing a bank of supervisors and assessors/reviewers;
- Developing a strategic communications plan to ensure communication and collaboration with key stakeholders.

## Questions?

We will update our [webpage](#) regularly as and when there is progress to report. There is also a page with [questions and answers](#) that were raised at the SGM. We will add to these as questions come in from members. If you have any questions, please email [sgcptraining@bps.org](mailto:sgcptraining@bps.org).



## 2021 SGCP Conference

Sunday 10 May to Monday 11 May

We are very pleased to announce that registrations are open for our 2021 global conference! The event will be hosted entirely online and recordings of each session will be available so you do not have to watch all the sessions in one sitting. As always, **SGCP members will benefit from a significantly reduced price.**

We invite you to share the conference with your professional networks; all are welcome including anyone with an interest in coaching psychology. We have an amazing line-up of speakers including: Professor Peter Hawkins, Professor David Clutterbuck, Dr Suzy Green and Dr Alison Whybrow - this is one not to be missed!

The conference theme is very relevant given the current world context and is titled "Transforming systems through coaching" split into the below topics:

### 1. **Personal transformation within a complex world**

How can coaching psychology support individuals to flourish and thrive? What can we do to manage the impact of an 'always on' culture? How can we reduce the effects of burnout, uncertainty or existential dread induced by uncertainty and instability in our current environment?

### 2. **Systemic coaching**

What do we know about systemic coaching approaches? How can systemic coaching support our ability to broaden awareness and facilitate change? What role does systemic coaching play in transformation? What potential does coaching have to support global challenges we are facing?

### 3. **Team coaching**

What is team coaching? How is it best practised? What is the potential for team coaching to facilitate change? What are the challenges for team coaching?

You will have access to our complete schedule of [CPD events scheduled across the year](#) and access to both of our journals, published twice annually: [The Coaching Psychologist](#) and [International Coaching Psychology Review](#).

You will also experience the benefits of being part of a thriving coaching community with a passion for understanding how psychology applies to coaching.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tia Moin and Natalie Lancer  
**Conference Co-Leads**

[Find out more and register your place](#)

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## **Check out your SGCP journals**

As you may know the BPS has moved all its journals online now so don't miss out on your copies and download the latest issues from the SGCP website.

Full members of SGCP can access the following journals:

### **International Coaching Psychology Review**

International Coaching Psychology Review (ICPR) is an international publication focusing on the theory, practice and research in the field of coaching psychology.

### **The Coaching Psychologist**

The Coaching Psychologist (TCP) publishes articles on all aspects of research, theory, practice and case studies in the arena of coaching psychology.

[Find out more.](#)

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## Call for papers: Coaching in Educational Sectors (ICPR)

Coaching has a strong educational element which is evident in practice. We welcome empirical, theory-driven discussion papers, and short reports on coaching in education practice or policy-related reports (either coaching for staff, managers or students).

Submission deadline: 30 September 2021.

For all queries and submissions please email: [ICPRsubmissions@bps.org.uk](mailto:ICPRsubmissions@bps.org.uk)

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## SGCP 2021 free CPD webinar series

Don't miss out on our series of free CPS webinars exploring a range of topics!

Next up is 'The psychology of self in coaching' on the 14 May - details to follow soon.

[Find out more](#) about forthcoming CPD events.

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## Peer Practice Group update

Just a short update to let you know that we're increasing our support to Peer Practice Groups. Due to the popularity of these groups, and this year with **free access to all SGCP members** the network is continuing to grow. Today we have 23 PPGs and 160 members.



With my hands a little too full on this, I'm delighted to welcome Theresa Quinn, SGCP committee member and one of our PPG hosts, to strengthen the support we give to PPGs. We're also about to hold the first of what we hope will be an ongoing series of informal discussion events.



### **Tony Page**

Peer Practice Group coordinaton

These events bring together a cluster of people drawn from across all the PPGs to explore topics and share ideas.

The inaugural event is hosted by Lorna Mills of Merseyside PPG, called "The Future of Coaching".

Members are showing us the PPG is a valued benefit, and we believe the reflective practice they're enjoying is strengthening the SGCP's leadership position in the coaching psychology field.

If you're interested in enrolling in a PPG, after your £12 annual SGCP fee, it's free! Find out more on the [SGCP website](#) or [send me an email](#).

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## **Could you be the next BPS President?**

Nominations are now open for the position of BPS President 2022/23. This is one of the most important roles within the BPS, as the visible figurehead of the society and the chair of the Board of Trustees.

The successful candidate will serve a three-year term on the presidential team, initially as President-Elect and then as Vice-President following their year as President.

More information is available on the [BPS website](#), including full details on the role, responsibilities and time commitment required, as well as instructions on how to nominate.

The deadline for nominations is **18 March 2021** and, if more than one nomination is received, a ballot of the membership will decide the position before it is announced at our AGM in June.

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## International survey on psychological testing

On the initiative of the International Test Commission (ITC) and the European Federation of Psychologists Associations (EFPA) Board of Assessment, a survey is being carried out in countries all around the world in order to find out the opinions on various aspects related to psychological tests and testing.

The British Psychological Society is proud to be working in partnership with the ITC and EFPA to administer this survey within the UK to all our members and beyond.

Your responses will be of assistance in making decisions to improve test use in our country. We would greatly appreciate you devoting a few minutes to giving us your sincere opinion about a series of matters related to tests. Your responses should relate to your understanding of the situation in your area of professional specialisation. Survey closes **26 March 2021**.

### Take the survey

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