

Online webcast Making Connections & AGM, Manchester
Thursday 7 November 2019

10:25 - 10:30	Webcast Welcome
10:30 - 10:45	Welcome from the Chair
10:45 - 11:30	<i>Tim Bond</i> - The quest for an ethic to unite our profession
11:30 - 12:15	Local member two-minute platforms - 1. Stefanos Kantounis - Athens open Schools 2. Nicola Forshaw - SCoPEd 3. Andrew Price - The Collective Voice
12.15 - 14.00	Break in transmission
14:00 - 14:20 14.20 - 14.50	Review of the Year, BACP Chair Dr Andrew Reeves BACP and the future of the Professions - Q&A panel
14:50 - 15:45	Annual General Meeting - The Business
15.45 - 16.00	Break in transmission
16:00 - 17:15	<i>Figen Murray</i> - RESILIENCE & FORGIVENESS - My journey to inner peace
17:15	Webcast close

The quest for an ethic to unite our profession

Biography: Professor Tim Bond has led or been involved in the development of our professional ethics for over thirty years. In this talk he will reflect on the challenges of developing ethics that encompass the diversity of practitioners and their clients. This short talk will be followed an opportunity to ask questions.

Figen Murray - resilience and Forgiveness - My journey to inner peace

Session information: My son Martyn was one of 23 people who died at the Manchester Arena attack on 22nd May 2017. 22 were murdered but 23 lost their lives as the suicide bomber who killed himself in the process was one of the people who perished.

I hold the firm belief that terrorists are not born as such, but something happens to them to turn them into terrorists. I have forgiven my son's murderer for various reasons and I focus a lot of my work talking to young people about what happened to us as a family. My ultimate aim is to stop that ONE person who may be on the cusp of being radicalized and hope they change their mind after hearing my story. It only took one person to destroy so many people's lives that day.

I had the option to hate and be angry but instead I chose to be positive and proactive. It is important for me not to give in to hate and stay at the side of forgiveness, kindness and tolerance. As a society we need to change, and I try to instill this need for change in young people as they are our best hope for a better future. That is one of the main reasons I go to schools and talk to young people on the cusp of adulthood. So far, I have reached over 5,500 children and my work with schools, colleges and universities continues.

Like Martin Luther King, Jr said: Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Biography: Figen Murray is the mother of Martyn Hett who at 29 years of age was tragically killed in the terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena on May 22 last year. Before his death she had a busy private practice as a counsellor, supervisor and life coach, managed and taught counselling students in a further education college, and ran training workshops within the therapeutic community and for industry.

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> In keeping with her ethical stance in maintaining the highest regard and care for her clients, Figen has officially stepped down from her profession due to the traumatic nature of the bereavement. However driven by the same values that underpinned her work, she has continued to use her influence to create and promote a strong counter-narrative to extremism and hate. Over the last two years she has been vocal both in national and local media, appearing on radio and television and speaking at events. She now gives talks to young people in schools, colleges, universities and hopefully soon in prisons telling her personal story.

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She has stated that her personal measure of success is if her efforts can help bring about a change of mind in at least one person.