



# Space2think Newsletter March 2018

## Learning. Development. Change. Action.

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Welcome to the March edition of the *Space2think* newsletter. Hopefully the winter is behind us now and we can look forward to longer and warmer days. But warmer days are not the only ones we are looking forward to. There are a number of upcoming events for you to consider.

#### 2018 Spring - Summer Coaching Programme - Chester

**Are you looking to develop a powerful and effective coaching approach to use within your organisation or to develop yourself as an independent coach?** The Space2think coaching programme creates a place where you can discover, rediscover and develop the core skills that can support others in what can be a transformational process. It also provides space to thoroughly explore and learn the traditions and theories that underpin coaching. Past participants have this to say about the programme:

*'I never realised how powerful a tool coaching can be!'*  
(Chris Harvey, Organisational Development & Learning Manager, Oxford City Council)

*'I found the techniques to be extremely powerful... the pace of the learning was just right.'*  
(Ian Revel, CEO, Milton Keynes Community Foundation)

*'An excellent open learning environment. I felt encouraged to*



Rob Husband



Andy Howie

*reflect and learn with true support and a high degree of challenge. I came away feeling inspired and enthusiastic.'*  
(Jill Robinson, 3rd Sector Learning and Development Leader)

For those of you who would like to gain an internationally recognised coaching qualification, Space2think can support and supervise your guided learning hours to achieve the ILM Level 5 Certificate in Coaching and Mentoring.

#### **Dates for the Chester Programme:**

Full days 16th, 17th May 2018; 6th, 7th, 27th, 28th June 2018, 9.30am – 5.00pm  
Half day 12th July 2018, 1.00pm – 5.00pm

If you are interested in receiving further information or a registration form please get in touch with Andy Howie – email [andy.howie@space2think.org](mailto:andy.howie@space2think.org) or phone Andy on 07500 047821

More information can also be found on our website at: <https://space2think.org/ilm-level-5-certificate-in-coaching-and-mentoring/>

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#### **The Courage to Teach 4th July 2018 – Woodbrooke, Selly Oak, Birmingham**

Space2think is organising an event on July 4th 2018 in partnership with Barbara Reid at the Centre for Courage and Renewal. The Courage to Teach – a one day experiential introduction to the work of Parker J. Palmer is **aimed at educational professionals who lead, teach and serve in UK learning communities**. If you value wellbeing in the workplace and sustainable professional practise then this will be of genuine interest to you.

Our work at Space2think has always considered the person inside the teacher, manager, leader, coach. The importance of paying attention to and understanding our inner life and its relationship with the external world of relationships and actions is often a crucial part of our work with people in organisations. We are really grateful for the work of the Centre for Courage and Renewal and the work it does. Since meeting Barbara and experiencing first-hand the Courage Retreats she offers we felt highly motivated to promote this very important work.

Further information for the Courage to Teach day can be found on the Centre for Courage and Renewal Website at [http://www.couragerenewal.org/events/courage-to-teach-a-one-day-experiential-introduction-to-the-work-of-parker-j-palmer\\_18\\_uk/](http://www.couragerenewal.org/events/courage-to-teach-a-one-day-experiential-introduction-to-the-work-of-parker-j-palmer_18_uk/)

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Our **ILM Approved Centre** continues to help people gain relevant professional Coaching, Leadership and Management Qualifications – this newsletter we celebrate with and congratulate:

**Nicola Allitt, Ami Gell, Caitlan McEvoy, Ciara Miller, Hannah Templeman and Adam Rawson**, Nottingham Trent Students Union on successfully completing the ILM Level 3 Award in Leadership and Management.

**Steve Nutt**, Hanwell Fields Community School, Banbury, for successfully completing the ILM Endorsed Programme - Taking a Coaching Approach to Leading and in Learning in Schools.

**Kerry Ellis, Rebecca Lees, Matt Marsh and James Carpenter**, Cherwell and District and South Northants Joint Council on successfully completing the ILM Level 3 Award in Leadership and Management.

**Stuart Wheeldon, Dee Fagan, Julie Miles, Paul Nicol, Sharon Pinnock, Alexandra Robinson, Jonathan MacWilliam, David Ward-Stokes and Ian Upstone** Cherwell and District and South Northants Joint Council on successfully completing Leading in a Commercial Environment (Applied programme).

**Sally Collett, Maria Morton, Tim Pack, Stuart Ryall, Jackie Wilkie and Tallulah Willis** Cherwell and District and South Northants Council on successfully completing Leading in a Commercial Environment (Development programme).

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## Evaluations

We are currently conducting evaluations on three very different areas of work with organisations we respect very much and have a long-standing relationship with.

**The Release Project for Young Carers at Sutton Coldfield YMCA** is a well established and much needed project supporting young carers and their families. Mark Chester is again conducting interviews with young carers to evidence the impact the project has directly on their lives.

**Hanwell Fields Community School in Banbury** have commissioned an evaluation report on the impact of **adopting a whole school coaching approach**. Gill Blackledge has recently undertaken this important and interesting work. The purpose of this evaluation is twofold. To discover the impact of adopting a whole school coaching

approach in the school. As part of the primary purpose the evaluation looks to establish the level of change brought about for individual's practise, the effect this has had and continues to have on the learning experience for children, the well-being of staff and the quality of relationships between all stakeholders. Secondly the evaluation looks to understand the different coaching and training interventions provided by Space2think and the impact and value those have brought to the process.

**Succeeding in a Commercial Environment (SIACE)** is a programme that is developing innovation, entrepreneurial, team working and leadership skills at **Cherwell and District and South Northants Council**. The evaluation, conducted by Mark Chester, will evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the SIACE programme and the outcomes for the Local Authority.

Each organisation will be disseminating their own evaluation report when completed and if you are interested in any of them please get in touch with Sara Colligan at [admin@space2think.org](mailto:admin@space2think.org). If you also have a need for evaluation services for your own organisation please get in touch with Sara.

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## People and organisations we admire

### Gill Garwood - HARP

Gill is the current Chief Executive of the homeless charity HARP. I first met Gill in March 2007 and in the 11 years I have known her I have come to deeply admire her work at HARP. Gill has a genuine humility and likes her staff and trustees to take the credit for the success and growth of HARP's work. However, by getting to know her closely, I have realised that Gill is in danger of hiding her own bright shining light. Gill has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of people who find themselves homeless. She sets ambitious targets to eliminate rough sleeping in Southend and has shown great leadership. As she approaches her retirement we wish her well for the future and spending time with her grandchildren in Australia.

### John Hughes - Playground Imagineering

Playground Imagineering is a design led playground equipment supplier that prides itself in its capacity to meet the specific needs of all its customers. Their innovative approach to the design of school playground environments is inspired by the needs of the children that use them. I really admire John who works so hard with such enthusiasm and energy to give schools and other organisations great design, products and service. You can contact him on [john@playgroundimagineering.co.uk](mailto:john@playgroundimagineering.co.uk) or 07785 297828.

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## Literature to inspire

### **Constructive Wallowing** by Tina Gilbertson

This book inspires you to take an interest in your own emotional life and use the understanding and experience of your emotions to live a fuller and more productive life. Highly recommended.

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### **A little more reading – recent blogs from Space2think**

[How did they ever work together?](#)

[Degrees of vulnerability](#)

[The benefits of storms in keeping work places healthy](#)

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### **And finally...**

Our company is so much built on the crucial and valued relationships we have with our customers and suppliers. We would like to continue our presence in the world so please like and share us on your social media and word-of-mouth channels. If you need to get in touch please do with the contact details below.

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