

# LOVE

## in a hostile environment

*Thoughts on the young adult, the couple and society  
in the world we live in*



**Saturday 15th October, 2022**

**8.00** Zoom registration and login  
**9.00 Welcome** Dr Christine Hill

**9.15 – 10.45** Mary Morgan  
**LOVE, HATE AND OTHERNESS IN INTIMATE RELATING**

Chair: Dr Timothy Keogh

I suggest that love, hate and curiosity about these emotions are part of a loving relationship and give life to the relationship. Hate arises from many sources: being with another who challenges our perceptions, facing the limitations of knowing and being known and understood by another and the painful disillusionment that can sometimes follow the 'in love' state. Not being able to bear the hate that is part of love can lead to hate going underground and having an insidious effect on the relationship, including a loss of intimacy.

**10.45 - 11.15** Morning break

**11.15 - 12.45** Phil Stokoe  
**CLIMATE CHANGE, NATIONALISM, ACADEMIC PRESSURE AND SOCIAL MEDIA; WHAT'S THE IMPACT ON ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT?**

Chair: Ros Webb

In the UK, Europe and the USA there has been an increase in reported MH problems in adolescence. I shall describe the process of adolescent development to show the necessary environmental factors for successful achievement of adult state of mind. Then I shall demonstrate how modern, first world society creates an environment that actually harms adolescent development by creating an atmosphere that diminishes both love and curiosity.

**12.45 - 14.00** Lunch break

**14.00 - 15.30** Phil Stokoe  
**LOVE THROUGH THE EYES OF SHAKESPEARE**

Chair: Dr Paul Coombe

In this presentation, I want to pick up the importance of love as an organising drive in the mind. I shall do this by a quick review of some of Shakespeare's best known plays to think what it reveals about the importance of love or its absence in times of crisis. I hope to show that the bard and I agree that love is crucial to human growth and the development of a civilised society.

**15.30 - 15.50** Afternoon break

**15.50 - 17.00** **PANEL DISCUSSION** Chair: Dr Rob Gordon  
Phil Stokoe and Mary Morgan will discuss, and then lead, an open forum on issues raised from all three presentations.

**17.00 - 18.00** Post conference entertainment TBC

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