



**Fw: register for psychotherapists**

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Dear Simon.

I am a Trinity College graduate in medicine and psychiatry who went on to train as a Kleinian psychoanalyst at the Institute of psychoanalysis in London. I left dear Dublin in the 1960s and always felt aggrieved that my specialty was never really acknowledged at home. The training was long and arduous but very good and I waited to see if eventually there would be some acknowledgement of these skills by Irish psychiatry. We had the radio and television expert using the analytic concepts but untrained in psychoanalysis.

I am sure the Institute of psychoanalysis here would be amenable to sending analysts to help train lay or medically qualified practitioners.

This is a field that needs special skills and a strong ethical approach.

I am now in my 80s so cannot really offer much but there will be many who will be glad to help develop the training if you are interested.

I often think of my early days at Baggot Street hospital. It is sad that so many Irish trained doctors end up

abroad. I went to Montreal and was advised by Winnacot to return to London to train . It is possible to hold down a job in psychiatry while learning these skills.

My congratulations for taking on the challenge. Incidentally when I was young in Dublin many dentists were untrained.

Best wishes

Maurice White

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