INTEGRATION

Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society in 2014

Lecture 5: Thursday 20th November 2014, 6.30pm - 8pm

NSCAP, Bevan House, 34-36 Springwell Road, Leeds, LS12 IAW

'THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE' MEMORY, REMEMBRANCE AND MEMORIALS ON THE WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELDS

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OUTLINE

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Memory, Remembrance & Memorials on the World War I Battlefields

Brian Daines is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist who has been practicing in Sheffield for nearly 40 years. Partly through his own family history, he has had an enduring interest in the First World War and has made several visits to the battlefields of France and Belgium. This was part of writing a history for his family of his grandfather's war service on the Somme and at Passchendaele and also led to an article on psychoanalytic understandings of the role of World War I war memorials in the mourning process.

Experiences of destruction, death, injury and depersonalisation in the First World War drew combatants and mourners back into primitive experiences from early life. The operation of memory, remembrance and memorials served both to form defences against the fears aroused by this and also to activate them.

These defences are similarly employed currently to defend against such fears but again also evoke them. The working through of mourning for catastrophic loss can only be partial and this leads to intergenerational transmission of unresolved trauma and loss. The process of mourning and coming to terms with such loss is partly facilitated and partly arrested by the concretisation of memorial and remembrance rituals.

Brian's presentation draws on both Kleinian ideas and concepts from cultural sociology. He will illustrate his presentation with photographs from the war and his own of memorials from battlefield visits.

Karl Huntbach is a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist in a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) for Looked After Children. He is also development lead for improving access to psychotherapy, and a tutor on the infant observation programme at the Northern School of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy.

An admission fee of £3 will be collected 'on the door' on the day of seminar. To reserve a place on the seminar please contact: ellie.pekala@nhs.net or 0113 3058750

