



A brief history of Re-Vision from 1988 to 2021

Past

Re-Vision had its inception in 1988 as a partnership for training counsellors and psychotherapists. By 1994 the British Association for Counselling (now BACP) had given official recognition to what was then the Diploma Course in Integrative Psychosynthesis Counselling, followed in 1996 by the UK Council for Psychotherapy's (UKCP) accreditation of the psychotherapy training, which made Re-Vision's psychotherapy graduates eligible for inclusion in their national register. Both of our awarding bodies now recognise our unique Integrative Transpersonal modality as the theoretical model in which our graduates are trained.

In the 1990s the organisation was restructured into a non-profit making company still in the ownership of the founders. In 1996 Re-Vision moved from its outgrown premises in Chatsworth Road, Kilburn, to a larger building in Brondesbury Road, Queen's Park.. London NW6. This move was also symbolic of a shift away from a partnership structure towards one involving increasing numbers of people in the running and management of the organisation. Charity status was sought as the most fitting organisational reflection of Re-Vision's values and, in the spring of 1998, the founders, Ewa Robertson and Chris Robertson gave up their ownership of the company and charity status was granted.

Re-Vision lived up to its name by a continual reviewing of its organisational structures, training processes and clinical methods. The trustees, who took over as directors of the charity in 1998, began an important shift in the organisational culture and the management structure. In 2014, as the founders began to plan their retirement the organisation underwent a further period of restructuring, culminating eventually in the creation of the roles of Business and Training Directors, who work together, with the Management Team and the Training Committee, to hold both the strategic overview, and the executive responsibilities for running the business and the training. Throughout that process many staff who have been part of the organisation have given time and attention to the process of creating a sustainable and ethically sound business model, as well as a high-quality training with a strong transpersonal ethical value base.

During the last 15-20 years there has also been a significant emphasis placed on the value of community. Re-Vision is an ever-growing learning community which consists of students, trainers, administrative and managerial staff, and graduates from the counselling, psychotherapy and post graduate courses. All groups within the community are represented at the community forum which meets four times a year, and the annual Winter Residential to which all members are invited and can bring a guest is highly valued by all the members of Re-Vision.

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Future

The continuing success of the organisation means that it has now outgrown the existing governance structure and a new one is needed, creating new roles within the management of both the business and training strands of our service delivery.

After more than 30 years in business, we consider that we have sound financial, ethical and human resources on which to base our operations.

We are increasingly recognised in our professional community for the high quality of our work and maintaining this is a significant priority as we develop new structures to support the future development of the organisation.

Our Low Cost Counselling Service, which offers affordable, long term therapy to the local community continues to grow and develop, and we are delighted to have regular contact with our Patron, Thomas Moore, author of *Care of the Soul* and many other books which speak to and inform our training. At the recent on-line conference which had to replace our winter residential because of pandemic restrictions, Thomas referred to Re-Vision as one of the two 'soul universities' in the world.

Priorities:

- Ensuring the continuing training of therapists with high standards of clinical excellence, based on our theoretical ancestral origins, and incorporating new paradigms in therapeutic practice.
- The continuing commitment to the operation of an ethical business model, including financial stability and a commitment to reducing the environmental impact of our training and business functions.
- Maintaining and enhancing our public profile
- The ongoing delivery of all of our work and services in ways that are congruent with our transpersonal modality and our community values of inclusivity, equality, relationality and an anti-racist, anti-oppressive approach to practice.

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