



Training Team Profiles.

<p>John Tomkins – Lead Trainer</p>	<p>MBACP(Accred); Dip Casework Supervision (Wigan College/British Psychological Society); Dip CBT; PGCE</p> <p>Mental Health Practitioner and Trainer/Lecturer in Mental Health and Counselling.</p> <p>Qualified for over 20 years. A background in teaching and mental health nursing. NHS posts in Addiction Services; A&E Crisis Team and Psychiatric Intensive Care.</p> <p>The construction and delivery of Accredited level 4 Diplomas in Couples Counselling and in Counselling Children and Young People.</p> <p>Completed over 500 hours in providing supervision to both trainee and qualified counselling practitioners.</p> <p>Provides training for both voluntary and statutory organisations throughout North Wales and North West England.</p>
<p>Wendy Hickson</p>	<p>BEd MBACP (Reg) Dip Integrative Counselling, Dip CBT, Dip Children and Young Peoples Counselling, Dip Couple and Relationship Therapy</p> <p>Director and Team Leader U&I Counselling CIC</p> <p>U&I Student Mentor</p> <p>The dream was to create a volunteer organisation that offered professional counselling on an equal cost and referral basis for all. This came to fruition in 2011.</p> <p>It was important to create a safe comfortable environment where clients could explore issues about past, present and future concerns without worrying about cost or cut off times and rationing of sessions; a service that fitted therapy around the client.</p>

	<p>During my teaching career I was always involved in pastoral roles and this raised my awareness about the lack of provision for Children and Young People’s counselling support and once qualified this drove my passion for further specialised counselling training.</p> <p>The teacher in me drove the training and CPD development side of U&I Counselling CIC alongside a focus to provide our counselling team with quality CPD.</p> <p>Gradually word spread about the quality of our low cost training and after numerous requests from local colleagues to join our training, we recognised a way to create a little funding whilst raising professional standards at the same time.</p> <p>U&I now offer training opportunities to counsellors outside the organisation and demand for places is high.</p> <p>A warm welcome to those professionals who wish to access this opportunity.</p>
<p>Alan Morris</p>	<p>MBACP (Reg), Dip. Supervision, BSC (Hons)</p> <p>Qualified for 6 years. Supervision for 2 years providing supervision to trainee counsellors.</p> <p>My other main qualifications are in CBT, Young People and Couples.</p> <p>I work for U and I as a voluntary counsellor and in private practice.</p> <p>In my counselling practice I work with couples and also conduct workplace and family mediations using solution focused therapy.</p> <p>I am fascinated with the process of supervision as it is so important to protect the interests of clients but also to look out for the welfare of Counsellors as I believe it is a demanding but an enjoyable process.</p> <p>As well as being a counsellor I work for the NHS in a Information Systems provision role and a large part is training colleagues.</p> <p>In my spare time I am a Wrexham FC season ticket holder and play Crown Green Bowls.</p>

