International Summit on Psychedelic Therapies for Mental Illness

Introductory Workshop for Psychedelic Therapies
(17 and 18 November 2021)

This Introductory Workshop for Psychedelic Therapies will run over two days prior to the International Summit on Psychedelic Therapies for Mental Illness. This will be a first-of-its-kind opportunity in Australia for those wanting to gain direct insight and training into this approach from international therapists in the field.

The workshop will introduce participants to various approaches in psychedelic treatment for mental illness.

This workshop is open to anyone with an interest in the topic and who is considering further development of their current therapeutic skills. It is particularly for those who are aiming to work in this field as and when these therapies become legally available in Australia.

It will cover an introductory background history to psychedelic medicines, how they work and how they are applied in research and clinical settings. There will be a significant practical component focusing on integration of experiences – how to understand and use the kinds of experience commonly encountered when using these substances for better self-understanding and how trained therapists might help someone apply them in their own lives.

While not providing a qualification of any kind, attendees can obtain non-accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) certificates (related to your professional registration) for attending.

Medicine-assisted therapy is not yet legal in Australia, outside of a research context. However, given the impressive early clinical evidence to date, and the near-term regulatory changes predicted in the US and EU subject to forthcoming data, these workshops will contribute to preparing the Australia context for regulatory changes in the coming years.

The workshops will cover all three phases of medicine-assisted therapy: preparation, medicine session, and integration. Workshops will incorporate the theoretical (neuroscience, psychology, psychotherapy), practical (instruction in methods of service provision), and experiential elements of treatment (process learning that deepens and develops clinicians’ capacity).

Mind Medicine Australia Summit – 2-day Introductory Workshop on Psychedelic Therapy
Venue TBC
(Preliminary program – subject to change)
Wednesday 17th November 2021

9.30   Welcome to Country and Opening Meditation and Music
       Introductory exercise

10:00 – 11.00  Overview of Psychedelics

11.00 – 11.30  MORNING TEA

11.20 – 12.00  Overview of Psychedelics (2)
               MMA’s focus on psilocybin and MDMA assisted therapies

12.00 – 1:00  Small group discussion and feedback

1.00 – 2.00  LUNCH BREAK

2.00 – 4.00  Constellation Workshop

4.00 – 4.20  AFTERNOON TEA

4.20 – 5.30  Integration Circles

Thursday 18th November

9.30 – 9.45  Morning Meditation

9.45 – 11.00  Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy (Part 1)

11.00 – 11.30  MORNING TEA

11.20 – 12.30  The use of music

12.30 – 1:00  Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy (Part 2)

1.00 – 2.00  LUNCH BREAK

2.00 – 3.00  The Heroic Journey

3.00 – 4.00  The Future – MMA Certificate in Psychedelic Therapy and Final Q & A

4.00 – 4.20  AFTERNOON TEA

4.20 – 5.30  Final Integration Circles
            Closing Comments and Meditation