

PUBLIC LECTURE

Trying to think about Aotearoa New Zealand,
not least in the midst of a pandemic.

Presenter: Dr Bill Farrell, PhD

TIME: Friday 16 October, 7 - 9.30 pm

VENUE: The Jubilee Building, Parnell

FEE: \$20, students \$10

Bill Farrell is a psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice in Auckland. His ancestors are Irish, Scottish and English. After a career in the UK in various health, university and private settings, he moved to live in Aotearoa New Zealand twenty-five years ago. For thirty-five years he has been involved in training in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, and the teaching and supervision of the clinical practice of other clinicians. His PhD was focussed on this latter stream of work.

His own approach to psychoanalytic psychotherapy is particularly informed by the work of Wilfred Bion and developments of that, as well as S H Foulkes's Group Analysis and developments of that. Both of these approaches readily encompass consideration of individual experience in relation to a social perspective. Both include consideration of the unconscious as central. Bill ties these perspectives together using the work of Ignacio Matte-Blanco, and his model of varieties of consciousness.

This model has proved powerful clinically, and in teaching and supervision, but it also has applications in research, as well as in thinking about social phenomena. In this talk, Bill will examine some aspects of social life in Aotearoa New Zealand, starting with the question of whether there is a 'Kiwi Curse', and concluding with experiences in our current circumstances. Discussion with those attending in person and on Zoom will be central to this event.

Wine and cheese will follow the discussion. Please book by payment on NZIPP account:
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