

3rd International Peer Gathering of Authentic Movement Practitioners in Vienna, Austria

Dear colleagues who work with *Authentic Movement*:

A group of dance therapist, psychotherapists and other somatic practitioners met in Vienna the last two years with the intension of intensifying professional exchange on Authentic Movement. See the posting in the International [Authentic Movement Community Site](#) for a personal report from some of the participants.



These international meetings have been a very valuable experience for all of us so that we are organizing a third event this summer. This time the group size will be limited and the meeting will be designed mainly for people who are interested and involved in and committed to the practical and theoretical aspects of the *Authentic Movement* as outlined below:

- 1) to deepen understanding of *Authentic Movement* through engagement in the practice as both mover and witness;
- 2) to research further possibilities in *Authentic Movement*;
- 3) to exchange our professional experiences of *Authentic Movement* (eg. teaching or leading *Authentic Movement* as a distinct form or in related contexts);
- 4) to network with other professionals in *Authentic Movement*, body psychotherapy and somatic practices.

In order to achieve this we expect that participants should have a minimum of 5 years of experience as an Authentic

Movement practitioner and, in most cases, as a therapist or somatic practitioner.

We hope you are interested and do join us this time!

Greetings,

The organizing team: Annette Geiger (Switzerland), Clarissa Costa (Austria), Em Edmondson (Great Britain), Guto Macedo (Brazil), Isaias Costa (Austria), Jane Bacon (Great Britain) and Soraya Jorge (Brazil)

Details:

- **WHEN:** July 28th - August 2nd, 2009. Starting on Wednesday with dinner, we will move on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Departure on Monday after Breakfast.
- **WHERE:** [Therapiezentrum Gersthof](#), [Gentzgasse 137/3, 1180 Vienna, Austria](#)
- **LODGING:** we invite the participants to stay at our Therapy Centre for free. Depending on how many people are coming, we could also try to organize lodging at other colleagues' places. And if you prefer to stay in a hotel, we could also help in finding a neat place close to the studio.
- **FEES: €50,00 for organization and studios.** As for eating we will hire a colleague/friend to cook for us every day and to have lunch at the premises. This will cost another **€50,00**.
- **Solidarity Funding:** The financial situation of our colleagues all over the world and the travel expenses are very unequal. If you feel you want to donate a contribution (think about the usual costs of a professional congress) or to make use of this funding, please make contact to Em Edmondson (knockboha@googlemail.com), who will treat your issue confidentially.

Application (due by April 15th 2010):

This meeting is intended to be at peer level, this means that there will be no paid trainer or leader (the organizing group sees its work as a service to the whole *Authentic Movement* community and will be rewarded by the expected professional exchange and networking itself). If you are interested in participating at the meeting then please write to us explaining how you meet the 4 criteria listed above and tell us about your experience as an *Authentic Movement* practitioner, therapist or somatic practitioner: authentic.movement@tztg.at

You might like to consider the following in your application:
1) How did you hear from our gathering? What are your

connections to the AM-community?

2) What kind of training in Authentic Movement do you have?

3) Describe how you are using AM in your work.

4) Describe your area of research interest in Authentic Movement

5) Please describe your practice as a therapist or somatic practitioner.

6) What kind of work on yourself have you gone through (own analysis/personal therapy).

7) Please provide the name of someone who knows your work in Authentic Movement who will write a letter of reference

Participation is by invitation only.

We will answer your application by the end of April and inform you upon registration.