

GOOD TO KNOW

PLAY THERAPY UK MONTHLY

A growing community. Hope through play.

Stories of care from around the world, practical resources for registered practice, member updates and opportunities to keep learning.

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September edition / links and learning listings checked 9 October 2026

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Learning listings show opportunities ahead of 9 October 2026. Please check each provider's current page for entry requirements, availability and booking details.

PLAY THERAPY MATTERS AROUND THE WORLD

Care that reaches across communities

This September, our international colleagues offer much to feel encouraged by. In Thailand, practitioners are developing their skills and confidence. In Indonesia, schools and families are bringing meaningful play into everyday life. In Cibal, creative activities are helping children and adults connect after the Flores earthquake.

These stories make visible the people behind our profession: local practitioners, parents, teachers and volunteers who show up for children with care. Their work also reminds us that useful support grows from an understanding of the community and its culture.

Thailand

Eight years of Certificate training in Bangkok, and a growing community of practitioners.

Indonesia

A movement across 41 schools, with families and volunteers sharing the value of play.

Cibal, East Nusa Tenggara

Play, story, song and local traditions creating opportunities for expression and connection.

Thank you to every colleague who makes space for children to play, express themselves and feel included.

THAILAND

Growing through learning and reflection

A September update from Play Therapy Thailand



Bangkok's Certificate course community, 2026.

In February, Bangkok welcomed the Certificate Course in Therapeutic Play Skills for its eighth consecutive year. Alongside practical skills, the group explored their own emotions and perspectives through experiential learning.

Students described growing in self-awareness and confidence, with trust and mutual support developing within the group.

March brought the Filial Play Coaching Course for a second year. A small, dedicated group developed skills to support parents in strengthening their relationships with their children through play.

Play Therapy Thailand reports that it has trained over 100 play therapists, now practising in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Hua Hin and beyond.

INDONESIA

Bringing play back into childhood

Gerakan Indonesia Bermain / Indonesia Children's Day / 23 July 2026

15,493
participants

41
schools

Participants	2026 reach
Children	13,133
Children with special needs (ABK)	657
Teachers	851
Parents	820
Volunteers	32
Total participants	15,493

PTI Indonesia has pioneered Gerakan Indonesia Bermain since 2016, bringing schools, families and volunteers together around children's right to play.

The movement preserves traditional Indonesian games while creating opportunities to cooperate, communicate, take turns and explore differences.

Teachers, parents and volunteers accounted for 1,703 participants. Their involvement helps the value of play continue in classrooms, homes and communities beyond a single event.

This is a celebration of shared participation, with inclusion at the heart of the activity.

CIBAL, MANGGARAI, EAST NUSA TENGGARA

Showing up for children after disruption

Psychosocial support in September 2026



Together in front of the BNPB tent, Cibal.

Following the Flores earthquake, the team's report describes 156 children in Cibal who had lost their school. For one week from 15 September, the team met the children each morning under a temporary tent.

They worked alongside a play and creative arts therapist from Ruteng and her volunteer community.

Children drew freely, sang, shared stories and danced the Caci, a traditional dance of Manggarai.

The activities brought play and creative arts together with StoryPlay, group psychotherapy and local cultural knowledge. Children had opportunities to express feelings through art and movement without judgement or interpretation.

Source: Dr Alice Arianto, Psy.D, CGP; Lily Salim; Annggie Narwastu. Play Therapy Indonesia & Bentara Campus.

CIBAL / FAMILIES AND INCLUSION

Every child included

Connection through drawing, making, playing and moving together



Parents as a secure base

With parents, the team explored how fear and trauma may appear in children, how adults can support regulation, and how to offer a safe, secure base for children to return to.

The report recognises Cibal's close, collective way of life as an important source of resilience.

Shared participation

At the local SLB school, outdoor activities included 76 Deaf and hard-of-hearing students and 36 blind and low-vision students.

Sessions took place among the cemara trees and ended with everyone dancing and moving together. The work brought children, families, teachers and volunteers into shared activities.

The report offers an encouraging example of support built with a community, drawing on its relationships and traditions.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

Introducing our Annual Summit

A new name for an event that has continued to grow



Our annual event will now be called the Play Therapy UK Annual Summit. The new name reflects how it has developed over the years into much more than a conference. We are delighted to share the new logo with you.

Sarah Bentley has been appointed Manager for next year's event. Sarah has carefully considered members' comments and reviewed every evaluation received, and she has ambitious plans for the year ahead.

Your feedback continues to help shape the event. We look forward to sharing more as the plans develop.

For enquiries, please contact Sarah at summit@ptukorg.com.

summit@ptukorg.com

Source: PTUK September 2026 event update and supplied Annual Summit 2027 logo.

NOW ON THE PTUK WEBSITE

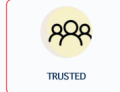
Why choose a registered play therapist?

A useful leaflet for conversations about professional membership and registration

PTUK / PTI REGISTERED PRACTICE

Why Choose a Play Therapy UK (PTUK) / Play Therapy International (PTI) Registered Play & Creative Arts Therapist?



 PROFESSIONAL
  ACCREDITED
  EVIDENCE-BASED
  TRUSTED

Every child, young person, adult and family deserves therapeutic support from a practitioner who is highly trained, professionally accountable and committed to the highest standards of practice.

WHY THIS MATTERS

When you choose a Play Therapy UK (PTUK) or Play Therapy International (PTI) registered practitioner, you are choosing someone who belongs to one of the world's largest communities of Play and Creative Arts Therapists and who meets rigorous professional standards designed to protect the public.







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The five-page PTUK / PTI leaflet is now available on our website. You can read it, download a copy and share it with families, schools or organisations considering therapeutic support.

It explains professional registration, the PSA-accredited register, training and accountability, ongoing supervision and learning, and recognised practitioner titles.

How to find it

1. Visit playtherapy.org.uk.
2. Open the Play Therapy menu.
3. Select Why Choose a Registered Play Therapist.

A practical resource to support clear, informed conversations about registered Play and Creative Arts Therapists.

Read and download the five-page leaflet

playtherapy.org.uk / Play Therapy / Why Choose a Registered Play Therapist

Source: PTUK / PTI registered practice leaflet, available on the PTUK website. Link checked 9 October 2026.

USING THE LEAFLET IN YOUR PRACTICE

A resource you can put to work

Share the standards behind your professional role

With parents and carers

Use the leaflet before an initial meeting or alongside referral information. It can help explain what registration means and why supervision, ethical practice and continuing learning matter.

With schools and referrers

Include the link in an information pack or service proposal. It gives staff and commissioners a starting point for understanding practitioner titles and the standards behind registered practice.

When explaining your role

Print a copy for a conversation, add the link to your professional website or email signature, or share it with a colleague who may find it useful. Describe your own title and scope of practice accurately.

You can also share the registered practice posts from PTUK / PTI social media to help others find the leaflet.

THE 2026-27 RENEWAL PERIOD

Membership renewal dates

Plan ahead so you have time to gather what you need

Approved supervisor membership renewal

1-30 November 2026

Main membership revalidation

1 December 2026 to 1 February 2027

Both windows will be accessible through the PTUK Website Members Area. The revalidation process and fees remain unchanged this year.

Membership renewal / what do I need?

In the Members Area, navigate to:
Resources > Membership > FAQs >
What I Need to Hand In - Membership Renewal

Select your country or the organisation under which your country falls to see the specific requirements and documents for your revalidation.

Open the PTUK Members Area

Source: PTUK September 2026 membership update and membership renewal guidance supplied for this issue.

CHECKS BEFORE REVALIDATION

Background checks and support

Welcome back to Andrea Dribnakova

We are pleased to share that Andrea Dribnakova has returned on a part-time basis to manage Garda Vetting for Ireland and DBS for PTUK.

If your Police Check, DBS, Garda Vetting, Scottish PVG or AccessNI check is due for renewal, please apply well in advance to avoid delays with revalidation. This also applies to PTI members.

DBS, AccessNI and Scottish PVG

PTUK processes applications in partnership with Civil & Corporate.

DBS@ptukorg.com

Garda Vetting for PTIRL members

The Garda Vetting email address remains the same.

gardavetting@ptirl.org

Members subscribed to the DBS Update Service do not need to renew their DBS certificate. Members who are not subscribed should renew their DBS check every three years.

Please obtain required checks before revalidating. Contact the relevant team if you are unsure which application you need.

Source: PTUK September 2026 membership and vetting updates, including the additional renewal guidance.

STAYING CONNECTED

Your professional community

Resources, conversations and stories worth sharing

There is encouragement in seeing the work taking place across our community. We hope this issue gives you something useful to share, a new idea to reflect on, or a reminder that your practice sits within a wider network of colleagues.

Our Play Therapy Myths & Facts and The Toy in My Play Therapy Toolkit series continue to offer accessible ways to start conversations about play therapy. Alongside these, the registered practice campaign helps explain the value of professional membership and registration.

PTUK website and member resources

playtherapy.org.uk

Important announcements

playtherapy.org.uk / Important Announcements

Learning and post-qualifying courses

playtherapy.org.uk / CPD Courses

Journal enquiries and contributions

contact@ptukorg.com

Annual Summit enquiries

summit@ptukorg.com

If you would like to share an example of your work or a community story in a future issue, please get in touch.

Source: PTUK / PTI community resources and member newsletter contact details.

ACCREDITED EXTERNAL LEARNING

Confidence in Report Writing

Self-paced professional development from Therapist Development Services

Confidence in Report Writing

-  Know how to communicate the impact of your work
-  Build structures into your everyday practice to reduce the time & stress of report writing
-  Advocate for your clients effectively

Online, at-your-own-pace course
£86, 3.5 CPD hours + resources
www.therapistcpdhub.uk




At your own pace

An external CPD opportunity accredited by PTUK, with practical support for communicating the impact of your work and developing confidence in professional reports.

The supplied provider flyer lists:
3.5 CPD hours plus resources
Online, self-paced learning
£86

The course focuses on communicating your therapeutic work clearly, building routines to reduce report-writing stress, and advocating for clients effectively.

If report writing is an area you would like to develop, this offers a flexible opportunity to learn alongside your existing practice.

View the provider's course page

www.therapistcpdhub.uk

Check the provider's current fees, access terms and availability before booking. The price and CPD hours above follow the supplied flyer.

Source: Provider flyer retained from the August journal; PTUK instruction on accredited external CPD.

AUTUMN 2026

Further opportunities to develop your practice

Current course listings checked 9 October 2026

Play and Creative Arts Counselling for Adults

Jess Van Maanen / hybrid / 10 days / £1,300 / £300 application deposit

21-22 October and 9-10 December 2026 in person; 5 November 2026 online. In 2027: 28 January and 11 February online; 14-15 April and 8 July in person. Plus group supervision. Venue: The Woodman at Clent.

For qualified Play and Creative Arts Therapists with CCYP or equivalent training.

Clinical Supervision / Pontefract

Lisa Mulheir / in person / 8 days / £1,300 / £300 application deposit

4-6 November 2026 and 12-15 January 2027. Seven training days plus a follow-up assessment day. Venue: The King's Croft Hotel, Pontefract.

For experienced therapeutic and helping professionals. See the course page for entry requirements.

Therapeutic Group Work / Advanced Practitioner Certificate

Lauren Lamberton / live online / 5 days / 45 CPD points / £800

20-21 November 2026, 26-27 February 2027 and 16 April 2027. Sessions: 9:30 am-4:30 pm. £300 application deposit.

For practitioners working therapeutically with children and young people. Group facilitation practice is required before assessment.

Applications are reviewed by the CPD team. Paying a deposit does not guarantee a place. Select a course title to read its full details.

Source: PTUK current course catalogue and individual course pages, checked 9 October 2026.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

Planning your next stage of learning

Clinical Supervision and CCYP opportunities

Clinical Supervision

8 days including assessment / £1,300 / £300 application deposit

Location	Listed training dates / venue
London	28-31 January and 12-14 February 2027 Crowne Plaza Kings Cross
Belfast	29-31 January and 11-14 March 2027 Crowne Plaza Belfast
Glasgow	11-14 March and 16-18 April 2027 Golden Jubilee Hotel, Clydebank

Play and Creative Arts Counselling with Children and Young People / Belfast

19-21 February and 8-11 April 2027 / Crowne Plaza Belfast
Renate Andrews and Lauren Lamberton / 8 days
£1,300 / £300 application deposit

For qualified practitioners wishing to extend their work with older children, adolescents and young people.

Browse the current PQ course catalogue

Dates above follow the current catalogue. Please confirm the complete programme, assessment days and availability with the CPD team before booking.

Source: PTUK PQ catalogue and Belfast CCYP course page. Current listings checked 9 October 2026.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2026

Live CPD calendar

Online sessions / 2 hours / £45 each

Date and time	Course / presenter
5 Nov / 6:30 pm	Death and Dying in the playroom Kerry Cooper
11 Nov / 7:00 pm	Endings and Goodbyes in the playroom Madeline Powell
12 Nov / 6:30 pm	Using games in the playroom Joe Jardim-Hinds
26 Nov / 6:30 pm	Punishment and Reward in Play therapy Joe Jardim-Hinds
1 Dec / 7:00 pm	Hide and Seek in the Playroom Sarah Bentley
2 Dec / 7:00 pm	Working with children seeking asylum and refuge Kerry Cooper
9 Dec / 7:00 pm	Grief and loss in the playroom Simone Hallam
10 Dec / 6:30 pm	Boundaries and limit testing in the playroom Joe Jardim-Hinds

View CPD details and booking

Times are shown as listed by PTUK. International members should confirm the time zone when booking. Listings were checked 9 October 2026.

Source: PTUK CPD catalogue and the current October-December course information plan.

HONG KONG / CANTONESE WORKSHOP

Bridging with Love

Creative arts therapy professional development / Dr Pandora NG Oi Kwan

羅拔時樓創意藝術治療中心

創意藝術治療專業發展工作坊

以愛童行：
透過遊戲治療
走近孩子的心

講者：
吳愛群博士

國際遊戲治療協會認證遊戲治療師及
遊戲治療督導員
香港大學名譽講師
香港大學社會科學博士

2026年11月14日(六)
時間: 10:00-17:30
語言: 廣東話
人數: 18人
課程費用: 港幣\$1500
早鳥優惠 (2026年10月14日前內
報讀課程): 港幣\$1200
訓練時數: 6小時
截止日期: 2026年11月6日

工作坊學習目標

- 建立兒童信任關係
- 促進情感連結
- 掌握指導與非指導介入平衡
- 認識創傷兒童介入方法



14 November 2026

10:00 am-5:30 pm
Cantonese / 6 training hours
18 places

HK\$1,500
Early bird: HK\$1,200 when enrolling by 14 October 2026
Application deadline: 6 November 2026

Learning focus

Building trust and emotional connection with children; balancing directive and non-directive work; understanding approaches for children who have experienced trauma.

The supplied Cantonese poster introduces Dr NG as a PTI-certified play therapist and supervisor, an honorary lecturer at the University of Hong Kong, and a holder of a PhD in Social Sciences.

Organiser: Roberts Block Creative Arts Therapy Centre. Please contact the centre for the complete workshop information and booking.

info@hkrbcentre.org

www.hkrbcentre.org

Source: Supplied Cantonese Roberts Block Creative Arts Therapy Centre workshop poster.

HONG KONG / ENGLISH-LANGUAGE POSTER

Bridging with Love

Engaging Children through Play Therapy / Dr Pandora NG Oi Kwan

Professional Training Workshop

Bridging with Love:

Engaging Children through Play Therapy

Speaker:
Dr Pandora NG Oi Kwan

This workshop combines play therapy, child-centred practice, and experiential learning to help helping professionals support children's emotional expression, relationship building, and psychological well-being.

This is NOT a credentialed play therapy training.

Learning Format

- Lecture
- Case Discussion
- Small-Group Sharing
- Experiential Activities

Workshop Goals

- Build trust with children to foster emotional connection
- Master the balance between directive and non-directive interventions
- Understand intervention methods for traumatised children

Target Audience

Registered Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists, Educational Psychologists, Nurses, Therapists, Counsellors, and Helping Professionals

Event date
16 November 2026

Event time
10:00-17:30

Fee
HKD1,500

Deadline for application
9 November 2026

Contact
info@hkrbcentre.org

42A Kennedy Rd,
Mid-Levels, Hong Kong

ROBERTS BLOCK CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY CENTRE

www.hkrbcentre.org

16 November 2026

10:00 am-5:30 pm

HK\$1,500

Application deadline: 9 November 2026

Roberts Block Creative Arts Therapy Centre
42A Kennedy Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong

Experiential learning

Lecture, case discussion, small-group sharing and experiential activities for social workers, psychologists, nurses, therapists, counsellors and helping professionals.

The flyer states that this is not credentialed play therapy training.

Enquiries: info@hkrbcentre.org

Source: Supplied English-language Roberts Block Creative Arts Therapy Centre flyer. Date differs from page 18.

THAILAND / 2027

The next chapter in Bangkok

Certificate and Diploma opportunities from Play Therapy Thailand

Certificate course in Therapeutic Play Skills 2027
Bangkok, Thailand

You will learn the power of play
You will support children emotionally
You will discover a new perspective

Course dates: February-March 2027

Accredited by
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APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN !

To receive the full information brochure:
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POSTGRADUATE
Diploma in Play Therapy

The Diploma course is accredited by the leading UK-based organisations

- ▶ Play Therapy UK (PTUK)
- ▶ Play Therapy International (PTI)

In partnership with Nectar Services

Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills

Bangkok / February-March 2027 / English

The ninth cohort will continue the Certificate training programme, with opportunities to develop therapeutic play skills and deepen understanding of children. Applications are open according to the supplied flyer.

Diploma in Play Therapy

Bangkok / 2027

The Diploma will be offered for a second time, enabling Certificate students to continue developing their skills and competencies. Contact Play Therapy Thailand for dates, entry criteria, fees and the full information brochure.

Information and course brochures: playtherapy.th@gmail.com

Facebook: Play Therapy Thailand / Instagram: playtherapythailand

Source: Play Therapy Thailand September 2026 newsletter and the original 2027 course flyers.

Your work makes room for children to be heard.

Across our community, each colleague brings care, experience and a willingness to keep learning. Thank you for the work you do and for the knowledge you share with others.

We look forward to the next chapter together.

