#AATA2017 Highlights:
The British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT)

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Have you made plans to attend #AATA2017? Our 48th annual conference will take place November 8 – 12 in Albuquerque, NM! Early Bird registration is open now through June 16.

In addition to our Featured Keynote Speaker, Dr. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, #AATA2017 offers a broad range of educational sessions and innovative content to expand your knowledge and reinvigorate your career!

In this article we feature an engaging session that will take place on Saturday, November 11: Collective Efforts to Advance Art Therapy: American and British Perspectives. AATA President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC; Past-President Sarah Deaver, PhD, ATR-BC; AATA Journal Executive Editor Donna Kaiser, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT; CEO of the British Association of Art Therapists Val Huet, PhD (UK Registered Art Therapist, HCPC); and BAAT Past-Chair Neil Springham, PhD, will explore strategies for addressing common challenges and opportunities in our respective countries independently and collectively, to move the profession forward.

Around the world, the AATA, the BAAT, and other organizations work tirelessly to advance art therapy and expand access to the services of art therapists. It is striking that the AATA’s strategic priorities and their definitive objectives and tactics in effect through 2019 (Betts, n.d.) align so closely with initiatives underway in Britain. Three such priorities will be the focus of this session: Public Awareness, Research (Huet, Springham & Evans, 2014; Kaiser & Deaver, 2013), and Professional Identity. The priorities will be discussed from the American and British perspectives, and highlight joint initiatives.

In the meantime, get to know BAAT CEO Dr. Val Huet in this “Creative Cut” – as she describes art therapy, the importance of art-making, and its relevance to her background as a migrant and a refugee.
#AATA2017 includes content pertaining to an array of client populations, tailored to diverse audiences. We will have international representation with presenters from around the globe: Canada, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, and the UK. AATA looks forward to hosting hundreds of art therapists, students, and friends – we hope to see you there!

See you in Albuquerque! For more information:


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