



Queensland Counsellors Association Inc
Member Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia

Friday 6 March 2009

HEARING STRENGTHS OVER THE NOISE OF PROBLEMS

Presenter: David Lees

In recent years the Strengths “Perspective” or “Approach” has invited a shift away from a fascination with client inadequacies, problems and pathologies, and towards a greater emphasis on client competencies and collaboration within the helping relationship. In this presentation David will offer some thoughts on the challenges faced by counsellors in moving from deficit ways of thinking about clients to strengths and resource ways of thinking.

A couple of exercises will both highlight these challenges and suggest possible ways forward. Strengths based conversational tools produced by Innovative Resources will be used and be available for perusal and to order.

After 26 years within the human service industry and the last 4 years establishing and managing Lighthouse Resources, David is commencing his own consulting business, STRENGTHSCAPE.

STRENGTHSCAPE will offer human service training, facilitation, mentoring/coaching, organisational consulting, publishing and event management services based on post modernist/ constructive approaches such as Strength, Solution-focused, Narrative and Appreciative Inquiry.

David has been counselling for many years in a variety of contexts and has been substantially involved in the training and supervising of counsellors through places such as QUT and the Australian College of Applied Psychology.

David is a member of both QAFT (Clinical Member) and SCAPE and he is well known as a respectful, thoughtful and engaging presenter.

WHERE: Room 15, Endeavour College of Natural Health (formerly Australian College of Natural Medicine), 362 Water St Valley - Plenty of parking - Drive in from Water Street up the driveway to the end of the main building, turn left into car park beside Room 15

WHEN: 5.00pm Friday 6th March 2009. Enjoy light refreshments, including wine, juice and snacks and a chance to meet, talk and network with other counsellors from 5.00pm. Topic presentation starts 5:45pm and concludes at 7:00pm

COST: \$15.00 incl GST for QCA and PACFA members - \$20.00 incl.GST for non members. Payable at the door.

RSVP: Please advise if you are attending before Wednesday 4th March to qca@qca.asn.au

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