

'Reparative Therapy'
'Conversion Therapy'
'Re-orientation
Therapy'
'cure wars'
'SOCE'
'Gay Cure'
'Ex-gay'
'Ex-ex-gay'
'Post-gay'

"Interrogating the Pejoratives:

Considering Therapeutic Approaches and Contexts for those Conflicted in Sexual Identity".

Sadly the politicisation of human sexuality and gender in the UK has shut down debate about appropriate therapeutic responses to sexual identity conflicts to the point where only one approach is now permissible. That population sub-group which seeks to resolve identity conflicts by leaving unwanted homosexual feelings has effectively been abandoned by the professions who fear for their professional accreditation status.



David Pickup

(Marriage and Family Therapist and Reparative Therapist)

Core Issues Trust presents David Pickup

London: Thursday 9th June, 2011 (evening)

Belfast: Tuesday 14th June, 2011 (full day)

David Pickup is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of California. He underwent extensive training in Reparative Therapy for three years under the direction of Dr. Joseph Nicolosi at Thomas Aquinas Psychological Clinic.

David is an active member of The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH), and has been a speaker at the annual NARTH conferences and spoke at the 2010 Exodus International Conference in Los Angeles.

He is currently working toward his Doctorate in Psychology at California Southern University in Los Angeles. Although his main focus is Reparative Therapy, David also has experience in dealing with depression and anxiety issues, pornography addiction, couples and family therapy, and Gender Identity Disorder (GID) in children.



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LONDON EVENT

VENUE

Christian Legal Centre
70 Wimpole Street
London, W1G 8AX

TRANSPORT

Nearest train station: Bond Street (Jubilee Line and Central Line)

[MAP LINK](#)

TIME: 7.00-10.00pm **SPEAKER:** David Pickup

Cost: Free

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BELFAST EVENT

VENUE

Belvoir Church of Ireland
21 Dunseverick Avenue
Belfast
BT8 7EA

TIME: 10.00 – 4.30 SPEAKER: David Pickup, et al.

Cost: £20.00 (Lunch and refreshments included)

Service TIME: 6.00 (light supper) 7.00-9.00 "Awake, Arise"
(Speaker Andrea Minichiello Williams, Christian Concern)

Cost: Free Will Offering

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Interrogating the Pejoratives

London Programme

7.00-10.00pm

- multiple causation of homosexuality and relevant psychotherapeutic support
- success rates: changing behaviour and orientation
- roadblocks to change

Belfast Programme

10.00 – 4.30

- Facing the pejoratives: what's in a name?
- A Christian and psychological perspective on overcoming obstacles to freedom from homosexuality
- The effectiveness of Reparative Therapy: factors influencing success
- How parents can help their children avoid homosexuality
- How Reparative Therapy reflects Biblical principles.
- Interpersonal Therapy – a useful model
- Why community is important in supporting those coming out of homosexuality – a psychodrama psychotherapy demonstration
- Maintaining ethical standards with professional bodies

Belfast Speakers

David Pickup, MA is a Marriage and Family and Reparative Psychotherapist, licensed in the state of California. He is a member of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT). During the past year, he and other members of CAMFT helped to defeat the efforts by Gay activist therapists to formally ban all types of reorientation therapy in the state of California. As a result, CAMFT ethical standards now state that all therapists and their clients are allowed to conduct the therapy which they believe is valid and effective.

Lesley Pilkington, MA worked as a psychotherapist in doctors' surgeries for over 20 years and also in Christian counselling. Her son has been involved in a homosexual lifestyle, a challenge that has however enabled Lesley to face her own issues and to encourage others in similar situations. Lesley is an Interpersonal Therapist, and Christian Counsellor.

Mike Davidson, PhD is a Psychodrama Psychotherapist trainee and a member of the British Psychodrama Association. He has been an educator in the secondary and higher education sectors, and also trained in pastoral theology. He leads "slow open" therapeutic and support groups in Northern Ireland, some of which are faith-based, others are not. He co-directs Core Issues Trust which contributes to equipping Christians and local churches in supporting those with unwanted same sex attractions.

Andrea Minichiello Williams is a barrister and the Director of the Christian Legal Centre, defending Christians' right to speak biblical truth in the public sphere. Andrea is also involved in seeking to influence Government Policy for Christian values. She is co-founder of Christian Concern, which has over 25,000 supporters, and is committed to enabling Christians to stand for biblical truth in the public arena.

Question:

"Given the evidence against them, why do one in six therapists (UK) still see fit to offer gay clients treatments that aim to make them straight?"

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Response:

In their research question, the APA Report asked "are sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE) effective at changing orientation? Their response was:

*"there is little in the way of credible evidence that could clarify whether SOCE does or **does not** [emphasis added] work in changing same-sex sexual attractions" (1).*

Altman and Bland (1995) remind us however, that 'absence of evidence is not evidence of absence' (2).

(1) Report of the APA Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation. (2009). American Psychological Association, Washington DC.

(2) Altman D and Bland J.M., (1995) *British Medical Journal* V311:4



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