

TA 909 and Summer School

Participant centred, group learning



TA 909 is our somewhat jokey title that means it is intended for those at an advanced stage of their practitioner training and/or those who are seeking their qualifications as CTA Trainer or TSTA – or the equivalent or similar qualifications that we offer through the various routes.

It replaces what we used to refer to as Professional Development Workshops, although the change is to the title only – the way we determine the content and the focus on participant needs is still the same! TA 909 can also stand for CTA and TSTA exam preparation, TEW, TEvW and CTA Trainer endorsement workshop preparation, and MSc preparation.

Hence, whether we refer to it now as TA 909 or summer school, the content is contracted for with participants once they have arrived. It generally includes aspects such as **mock exams, teaches and supervisions in preparation for attending international TA exams or endorsement/evaluation workshops**, process reviews during which we analyse our own dynamics, and theoretical discussions.

We encourage trainees/students to attend (and give them a lower fee) – they become the supervisees and the audience for the more advanced participants to practice with – and in return, they receive teaching and supervision from trainers/supervisors with whom they might not otherwise come into contact, and gain valuable development as well as being able to credit much of their involvement against the hours' requirements of their own qualifications.

All Summer Schools/TA 909 workshops have **content that is negotiated with participants** and are suitable for MSc in DTA, CTA, CTA Trainer, TSTA Exam and TEW/TEvW preparation. All include content related to teaching and supervising, using TA and other relevant and compatible approaches.

We keep our groups small so that we do not have to divide you up into smaller groups – this way the whole group learns together and (subject to numbers) you get feedback from more than one TSTA.

Refreshments are included in the fee, and there are facilities so you can prepare your own meals if you wish instead of paying restaurant prices.