

The Humanistic News Interchange


Ethical Dilemmas

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The New Dilemma

An adult male client in your private practice reveals in his first session that he has come to therapy because the media storm around high-profile figures being involved in child abuse has brought back memories of his own sexual abuse of a child some 20 years ago, of which he is 'deeply ashamed'. Apparently, he still has contact with the female 'victim', who is now an adult and, your client says, does not want to pursue a legal case against him.

What might be the personal, professional and ethical concerns here? Might a Humanistic Psychology approach have anything unique to offer an exploration of this dilemma? 

Please send responses of around 400 words, suggestions for future dilemmas and other correspondence to: andy.rogers@sparsholt.ac.uk

Introducing a New Feature: The Humanistic News Interchange

Dear *Self & Society* Readers,

We need to network more! Suzanne Keys got things moving and it's thanks to her creative networking skills that I'm writing to you. So, the Editors have asked me to set up this service.

This is an open invitation for all of you to send any e-mails, news and/or petitions you receive in your inbox, snail mail, or find on the internet that either show what is going on in the humanistic world or might interest friends and colleagues. We are interested, for example, in how humanistic people engage with the world in terms of action, how they take part in the political and social scene, broadly conceived.

As a recent example, there's what has happened around the DSM-V (the petition and other things). But not just professional politics, of course.

We intend future issues of *Self and Society* to have a section devoted to this kind of news, which I will 'curate' and summarise.

Please start to send material (or any questions about what you might send) to our dedicated e-mail address at: selfandsociety.news@gmail.com

Thank you, and I hope that together we can make this new News Interchange feature a resounding success and a valuable humanistic resource for all our readers.

Sissy Lykou