

## **Trauma, adversity, and culturally informed, infused and responsive physical environment, buildings, and spaces online module- Information and the Frequently Asked Questions- Dr Karen Treisman**

(Please read this before committing and purchasing the online module. We aim to be as up front, honest, and transparent as possible, so it is important people know what they are purchasing. After reading in full if your question has not been covered you are welcome to contact us at [karen@safehandstinkingminds.co.uk](mailto:karen@safehandstinkingminds.co.uk)). This is non-refundable.

### ***What is covered in this module?***

- An introduction to the area and to Dr Treisman.
- Some of the values and principles of trauma-informed practice applied to physical environments and spaces.
- Some feelings and key messages that we want our buildings to convey.
- Some ideas and concepts to hold in mind when thinking about our physical environments.
- A step by step approach on reflecting on your own building/space/physical environment including from a cultural and trauma lens.
- Some areas to reflect on and to apply to one's own setting including some key questions.
- Some ideas around different areas of physical environment from shapes to colours to furniture to signage, to orientation etc.
- Some photographed examples of different tangible ideas about tweaking or transforming one's physical environment to be more healing, soothing, containing, trauma-informed etc.

### ***What do I get for my money?***

- You get over minutes 190 minutes/ 3.5 hours of video footage presented by award winning Clinical Psychologist and best-selling Author, Dr Karen Treisman. This material is available for 6 months after purchase so you can re-visit it numerous times.
- You get a page resource pack including step by step activity, an infographic, and key questions.
- You get a reading list and further references.
- A copy of the slides in pdf form (for the attendee's use only).

### ***Who is this targeted to and who is it appropriate for?***

This will have relevance and interest to anyone looking to tweak, improve, design, or transform a room, a space, a building, or an environment to be more healing, calming, regulating, and trauma informed. This can range from one's home to schools to prisons to offices to hospitals, to residential, to therapy rooms, to staff rooms and so forth. There are a lot of applicable ideas and concepts which can be creatively transferred.

### ***What is the learning method and how accessible is it? Do I need to watch it all in one go?***

Nope absolutely not. It is presented in bite size segments ranging from 2 minutes to 30 minutes. This is purposely done to allow for people to dip in and dip out and to watch it in whichever way suits their learning style and the situation in which they are in. It is also intended that people pause, practice the exercises, reflect on them, discuss, and so forth. People may want to revisit and repeat them as well. This is also done in smaller sections to optimise people's engagement, concentration, and attention; and to encourage people to move around, take brain breaks, practice the regulating activities etc. There is also a video clip near the beginning of the module about different ways of optimising and absorbing the material.

***Where can I learn more given this is an introductory course?***

There is a reading and reference list included.

My book- "trauma-informed organizations"

Face to face training and specific consultations.

***How long can I access the material for?***

From when you purchase the module it is accessible for you for 6 months. You can dip in and out and watch it as many times as you like in that 6-month period.

***Is this material copyrighted? Is this a train the trainer module?***

This material is legally copyrighted. This is not a train the trainer module. Whilst we hope you spread good practice and your learning with others and encourage this.

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***Can I do this as face-to-face training instead?***

Absolutely, this ordinarily is a day face-to-face training. Dr Treisman offers over 40 training packages, however as a result of the pandemic and being committed and passionate to still spreading good practice these online modules have been created. It is also hoped this can make the training accessible to many more who are not able to attend trainings. Face to face training can be booked through safe hands and thinking minds.

***Do you offer consultations or advice for teams or individuals about this topic?***

Absolutely, depending on our capacity and availability, we offer one-to-one or team spaces to discuss the nuts and bolts of your specific situation.

***Why does some of the footage not seem studio ready? What is the platform like that I will use?***

Please note these modules are being created in a real and down to earth way in the context of the pandemic. Every effort has been made to make them as high quality and professional, but like this book it is real world and flexible.

The platform is thinkific. It was selected as it is easy-to-use and accessible.

Feedback on previous modules has been very positive. They also have a great customer support and online trouble-shooting support if needed. Please when using

the platform ensure that you input your details correctly and keep them somewhere safe. This includes selecting an email address you can access from home and work.

***Are bulk orders available for teams and organisations?***

Yes, organisations can make bulk orders and can receive a discount. This is for teams or organisations more than 10 people. You are welcome to contact [karen@safehandsthinkingminds.co.uk](mailto:karen@safehandsthinkingminds.co.uk) to discuss number.

***How much is the module and how can I pay?***

The module is priced at £35.99. That is roughly £10 an hour. Payment takes just a few minutes and is made on the platform via PayPal or stripe. This means direct debit or credit card can be used. For groups of over 10, an invoice payment can be arranged.

***About the creator, who is she?***

Dr Karen Treisman is a Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist who has worked in the National Health System and children's services for several years. Karen has also worked cross-culturally in both Africa and Asia with groups ranging from former child soldiers to survivors of the Rwandan Genocide. She also is the author of 8 books/workbooks, including the bestselling book, "The therapeutic treasure box", and of 3 sets of therapeutic card decks.

Karen has extensive experience in the areas of trauma, parenting, adversity (ACE's) and attachment, and works clinically using a range of therapeutic approaches with families, systems, and children in or on the edge of care, unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people, and adopted children. Karen also specialises in supporting organisations and systems to move towards becoming, and to sustain adversity, culturally and, trauma-informed, infused, and responsive practice. This work focuses on creating meaningful and multi-layered cultural and paradigm shift across whole systems. This was the focus of Dr Treisman's Winston Churchill Fellowship. Karen was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship Travel Award which involved visited several places in the USA to further study whole system and organisational approaches to trauma-informed and trauma-responsive care and this topic is the focus of Dr Treisman's next book entitled "A Treasure Box for Creating Trauma-Informed Organizations: A Ready-to-Use Resource For Trauma, Adversity, and Culturally Informed, Infused and Responsive Systems" due to be published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

In addition to holding a doctorate in Clinical psychology, Karen has undergone a range of specialist training courses including in EMDR, Narrative Therapy, Narrative Exposure Therapy, Trauma-focused CBT, Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy, Systemic Psychotherapy, Video Interaction Guidance, Sensory Approaches, and Theraplay.

Karen has previously worked in both Milton Keynes's and Kensington and Chelsea's Looked after Children and fostering services, and within the National Implementation Service for evidence-based interventions for Looked after children, children on the edge of care, and children in custody at the Michael Rutter Centre in the Maudsley Hospital; and as Clinical Lead for a court assessment and intensive intervention team for children on the edge of care and in proceedings in Islington.

Karen is an external consultant, trainer, speaker, and assessor to a variety of local authorities and organisations including Barnardos, PAC-UK, AdoptionPlus, BAAT, Pause, Action Trauma, Grandparents Plus, Three Steps Ireland, MedicaCPD, and the Fostering Network. Karen is also an expert witness and regularly undergoes a variety of assessments for court. Additionally, Karen is also a reviewer for the Journal of Adoption and Fostering.

Karen was also awarded the 2018 Psychology Professional of the Year Award for Excellence in Attachment and Trauma; and Youth Psychology Professional of the Year 2020.

Karen regularly attends and presents at local, national, and international trauma, parenting, and attachment conferences (See the events tab on this website). Karen is also a TEDx speaker on the power of relationships and viewing behaviour as communication.

Karen is the author of “Working with children and adolescents who have experienced relational and developmental trauma” (Routledge, 2016); and the best-selling book- “A Therapeutic Treasure Box for Working with Children and Adolescents with Developmental Trauma: Creative techniques and activities”). Karen is also the designer of “A Therapeutic Treasure Deck: Sentence-completion and Feelings Cards”, and “A Therapeutic Treasure Deck: Grounding, Regulating, Coping, and Soothing Cards” and the Parenting Patchwork cards. Karen is also the designer of Neon the Ninja toy and workbook; Gilly the Giraffe (Self-esteem & confidence), Cleo the Croc (Children who have been hurt and learned to be afraid to let people close, Presley the Pug (Emotional regulation, relaxation, calm, mindfulness, and finding an emotional safe place), and Binnie the Baboon (Anxiety, fear, stress, and worry).

Karen is also the author of the **forthcoming books**– “A Treasure Box for Creating Trauma-Informed Organizations: A Ready-to-Use Resource For Trauma, Adversity, and Culturally Informed, Infused and Responsive Systems” and *Ollie the Octopus (grief, bereavement, death, and loss for children)*.

