



# Counselor's Retreat 2017

Presenters' Bios:  
Extra Professional Development Session  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

Evan George	
<p>Evan is a founding partner of BRIEF, London, which offers the world's longest established and largest training programme in the Solution Focused approach. Evan has been using, teaching, and supervising Solution Focus for over 25 years. His work has taken him across the UK, Europe and further afield. Evan is co-author of 3 books on Solution Focus, and of many articles and chapters. He is currently writing a book on engagement and co-operation with reluctant clients. Evan's presentations are universally well-received, and are described as not only practically useful, but also inspiring and enjoyable. In 2012 Brief was awarded the prestigious 'EBTA Distinguished Contributors to Solution Focused Thinking Award', in recognition of BRIEF's leading position in the most recent developments within the model.</p>	 A portrait of Evan George, a middle-aged man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark sweater over a light blue collared shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera.
Denise Yusuf	
<p>Denise Yusuf started her professional career with a Masters in Social Work and holds Diplomas in Life Coaching and Solution Focused Practice, and a Certificate in Teaching Happiness Skills to children. She is an Accredited Coach with the Association for Coaching. She works as a freelance coach running coaching programmes in schools, and working in voluntary agencies and in private practice. She is passionate about working with children and young people to help them help themselves, using their own resources and skills to build optimistic and aspirational ideas about themselves and their futures. She is co-author, with Harvey Ratner of a recent book: Brief Coaching with Children and Young People: A Solution Focused Approach. Denise also works as a Supervisor and Trainer.</p>	 A portrait of Denise Yusuf, a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a dark top with a necklace. She is smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows a bookshelf filled with books.



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Chris Gould	
<p>Chris is an Independent Child Protection Consultant, currently living and working out of Australia. He is the Founder and Honorary Vice-President of Child-Safe International, a registered charity based in the UK. He retired as a Detective Chief Superintendent with 32 years service from the British Police where he predominantly worked within the Criminal Investigation Department; headed the Child Protection Group; responsible as a senior investigating officer for major crime and managed the Criminal Justice Department of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary. He received Home Office &amp; European Commission funding to examine child abuse on international, cultural, educational &amp; language trips abroad - resulting in Chris receiving a Police Research Award for Innovation from the Home Secretary in 1999. Chris has worked with both British &amp; Australian Governments on the introduction of methods to stop unsuitable people working with children. A Children's Champion Award recipient from the Children's Charity "Kidscape", his specific experiences around criminal behaviour &amp; child protection has led to him lecturing &amp; working worldwide.</p>	 A portrait photograph of Chris Gould, a middle-aged man with a balding head, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a purple patterned tie. The background is an indoor setting with a ceiling light fixture.