

# Working with Loss and Trauma Related to Past and Forced Adoption Practices

## November 11 & 12 2019

### At the National Wool Museum - Geelong

#### A One or Two-Day Training Program for Health and Welfare Professionals with Dr Sue Green

*Separation from a child or from family through adoption has lifelong consequences which have frequently been ignored or dismissed by professionals in the past. Individuals may come with a broad range of presenting difficulties, including depression and anxiety that may be related to adoption or separation from a child.*

*State and Federal Apologies have now acknowledged the significant grief and trauma experienced by mothers, fathers, adopted individuals and their extended families as a result of past and forced adoption practices.*

*VANISH members and service users tell us there is demand for trained and skilled professionals in this sector. VANISH has delivered this training program across Victoria and has received excellent feedback.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day One</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supporting individuals experiencing separation and loss through past and forced adoption practices.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day Two</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Counselling individuals experiencing separation and loss through past adoption practices.</b></p>
<p><b>Designed for</b> A broad range of professionals in the health and community sector such as GP's, nurses, drug and alcohol workers, community support workers, case managers and counsellors who may come into contact with individuals experiencing separation and loss as a result of past and forced adoption practices.</p> <p><b>Learning Outcomes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognise the context and impact of past adoption practices.</li> <li>2. Engage empathically with individuals separated by adoption.</li> <li>3. Identify the effects, loss and possible expressions of grief and trauma.</li> <li>4. Provide support to individuals and identify potential resources for healing and growth.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Designed for</b> Counsellors, psychotherapists, social workers and psychologists who may work with individuals experiencing separation and loss as a result of past and forced adoption practices and who are registered with a recognised professional association and undertake regular supervision and professional development.</p> <p><b>Learning Outcomes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify personal and systemic issues related to the complexities of adoption and the effects of grief and trauma.</li> <li>2. Draw on a range of counselling and therapeutic approaches to support adaptive recovery.</li> <li>3. Work with three unique areas of adoption complexity: the 'late discovery' of adoption status, the re-emergence of trauma and grief responses during search and contact and the phenomenon of genetic sexual attraction.</li> </ol>

*Early Bird price Day one - \$190, Day one & two - \$380 (register and pay before October 10<sup>th</sup>*

*2019) Standard price: Day one \$220, Day one & two \$440*

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