

IWMF SUPPORT GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP 2017

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KEY SUPPORT GROUP LEADERSHIP ISSUES

Brainstorming in Small Groups

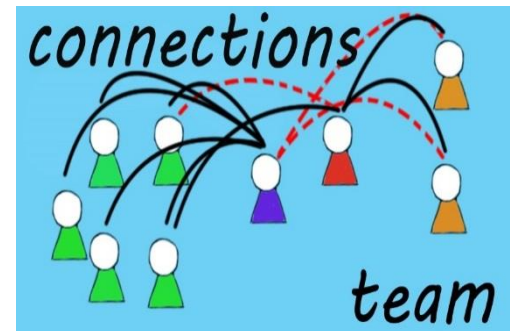


EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF NEW MEMBERS

One of the most important roles that Support Group Leaders assume is to help new members find support and resources within the IWMF.

Focus Areas:

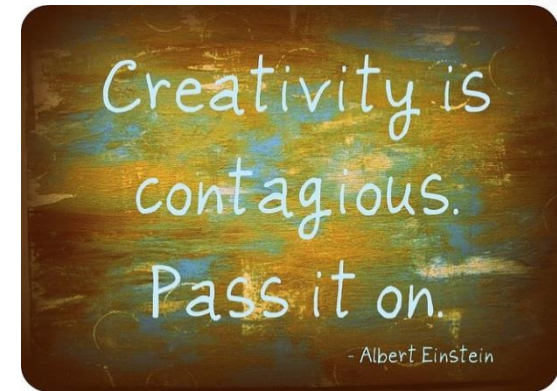
- Understanding/Empathy
- Resources
- Connection



CREATIVE PROGRAM IDEAS

Issues:

- Internet-based education is increasing.
- WMers are in longer remissions.
- Standard program topics and formats may not create interest.



Focus Areas:

- Theme-based Group Sharing
- Patient Panels
- Social Gatherings
- Informal Q & A Sessions with Speakers
- Key Survivorship Topics

STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING AN UNBIASED, NON-JUDGMENTAL SUPPORT GROUP SETTING

An open atmosphere of acceptance is vital to an effective group.

Focus Areas:

- Environment of Support and Trust
- Celebrate Diversity
- Lack of Corporate/ Commercial Influence



INTERVENING WITH THE MONOPOLIST GROUP MEMBER

The monopolist group member presents special challenges for the facilitator and group members.

Focus Areas:

- Mention Time Limit Upfront
- Don't Encourage Behavior with Non-Verbal Cues...
Eye Contact, Nodding
- Interrupt in Kind Manner

