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Join us for weekly presentations about Therapeutic Recreation on a Global Scale

February 2025 Free Virtual Event

International Knowledge Exchange Summary

Recreation is a human right! Play is a powerful thing. For people dealing with a physical, social, spiritual, cognitive or emotional challenges, therapy in the form of recreation can be especially powerful. Engaging and meaningful activities can help rebuild skills, improve mood, boost quality of life, and strengthen social connections. Recreation enhances overall well-being, benefits people of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and different abilities.

We, the leaders of the main organisations in Japan, Australia, United States, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in charge of driving change in the culture of care using Recreational Therapy, Diversional Therapy or Activity provision have decided to come together one more time, to share our journey and our knowledge, to continue to raise awareness about the importance of the work we do.

Join us in February 2025 for weekly 1 Hr presentations and learn about therapeutic recreation across different countries.

Important Notes:

- Sessions will be recorded
- Recording and slides will be shared at a later day by each organisation
- Format for all the presentations will be Zoom Webinar
- Format for the global panel will be a Zoom Meeting
- Spaces are limited to 500 participants on each day
- A Generic Certificate of attendance will be available for those attending the Live Sessions

For more information, please email president@diversionaltherapy.net.nz

Organisation	Host & Presenter Day & Time in the Host country	Day & Time (Other Countries)		Link to Register
American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA)	Host: Brent Wolfe Presenter: Heather Bright & Mary Jo Archambault Monday 3rd February – USA 6:00PM – EST	Canada USA UK Japan Australia NZ	Mon, 3 Feb 2025 at 4:00 p.m. MST Mon, 3 Feb 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CST Mon, 3 Feb 2025 at 11:00 p.m. GMT Tue, 4 Feb 2025 at 8:00 a.m. JST Tue, 4 Feb 2025 at 10:00 a.m. AEDT Tue, 4 Feb 2025 at 12:00 Noon NZDT	Registration Link is: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2uOCWAybRXy31Sl2DpFyoQ#/registration
Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association (CTRA) Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association Association Canadienne de Loisir Thérapeutique	Host: Orquidea Tamayo Mortera Presenter: Glenn Skimming Saturday 8 th February – Canada 3:30PM - MST	USA USA UK Japan Australia NZ	Sat, 8 Feb 2025 at 4:30 p.m. CST Sat, 8 Feb 2025 at 5:30 p.m. EST Sat, 8 Feb 2025 at 10:30 p.m. GMT Sun, 9 Feb 2025 at 7:30 a.m. JST Sun, 9 Feb 2025 at 9:30 a.m. AEDT Sun, 9 Feb 2025 at 11:30 a.m. NZDT	Registration Link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k17OSfrFQEyiyQTtRUyevA
National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP)	Host: Colleen Knudson Presenter: Nancy Richards Monday 10 th February – USA 4:00PM - CST	Canada USA UK Japan Australia NZ	Mon, 10 Feb 2025 at 3:00 p.m. MST Mon, 10 Feb 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST Mon, 10 Feb 2025 at 10:00 p.m. GMT Tue, 11 Feb 2025 at 7:00 a.m. JST Tue, 11 Feb 2025 at 9:00 a.m. AEDT Tue, 11 Feb 2025 at 11:00 a.m. NZDT	Registration Link is: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b1p8HIaTRPknMz-AK4tA
National Activity Providers Association (NAPA) Prioritising Wellbeing	Host: Hillary Woodhead Presenters: Steve Gardner & Victoria James Thursday 13 th February – UK 11:00AM - GMT	Canada USA USA Japan Australia NZ	Thu, 13 Feb 2025 at 4:00 a.m. MST Thu, 13 Feb 2025 at 5:00 a.m. CST Thu, 13 Feb 2025 at 6:00 a.m. EST Thu, 13 Feb 2025 at 8:00 p.m. JST Thu, 13 Feb 2025 at 10:00 p.m. AEDT Fri, 14 Feb 2025 at 12:00 Midn NZDT	Registration Link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Rr5x19PeRIq_koaKohK34Q

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Australian Recreational Therapy Association (ARTA) Australian Recreational Therapy Association Recreational Therapy Association	Host: Charlise Bennett Presenter: Emma Preston Monday 17 th February – AU 9:00AM - AEDT	Canada USA USA UK Japan NZ	Sun, Feb 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm MST Sun, Feb 16, 2025, at 4:00 pm CST Sun, Feb 16, 2025, at 5:00 pm EST Sun, Feb 16, 2025, at 10:00 pm GMT Mon, Feb 17, 2025, at 7:00 am JST Mon, Feb 17, 2025, at 11:00 am NZDT	Registration Link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OoTFg3pxSFiCRb9z4m4Akw
New Zealand Society of Diversional and Recreational Therapy (NZSDRT)	Host: Orquidea Tamayo Mortera Presenter: Deepa Chetty Monday 24 th February – NZ 11:00AM - NZDT	Canada USA EST UK Japan AU	Sun, 23 Feb 2025 at 3:00 pm MST Sun, 23 Feb 2025 at 4:00 pm CST Sun, 23 Feb 2025 at 5:00 pm EST Sun, 23 Feb 2025 at 10:00 pm GMT Mon, 24 Feb 2025 at 7:00 a.m. JST Mon, 24 Feb 2025 at 9:00 a.m. AEDT	Registration Link is: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KAFoiqYLSGqCgTyPrS4sNA
Diversional Therapy Association of Japan (DTAJ)	Host: Takako Serizawa Presenter: Emiko Tanabe Thursday 27 th February – JP 7:00AM - JST	Australia NZ UK USA USA Canada	Thu, Feb 27, 2025, at 9:00 am AEDT Thu, Feb 27, 2025, at 11:00 am NZDT Wed, Feb 26, 2025, at 10:00 pm GMT Wed, Feb 26, 2025, at 4:00 pm CST Wed, Feb 26, 2025, at 5:00 pm EST Wed, Feb 26, 2025, at 3:00 pm MST	Registration Link is: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D8gVDYsaRYWhWgcX_S7zNg
Global Panel ATRA WHENEY WINDOWS ATRA WHENEY WINDOWS WHEN	Global Organizations Representatives Friday 28 th February & Sunday 1 st March	Canada USA UK Japan Australia NZ	Fri, 28 Feb 2025 at 4:00 p.m. MST Fri, 28 Feb 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CST Fri, 28 Feb 2025 at 11:00 p.m. GMT Sat, 1 Mar 2025 at 8:00 a.m. JST Sat, 1 Mar 2025 at 10:00 a.m. AEDT Sat, 1 Mar 2025 at 12:00 Noon NZDT	Registration Link is: https://usozweb.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfumvrDorHNyjUGrzeXjojFcs12kEA1w9

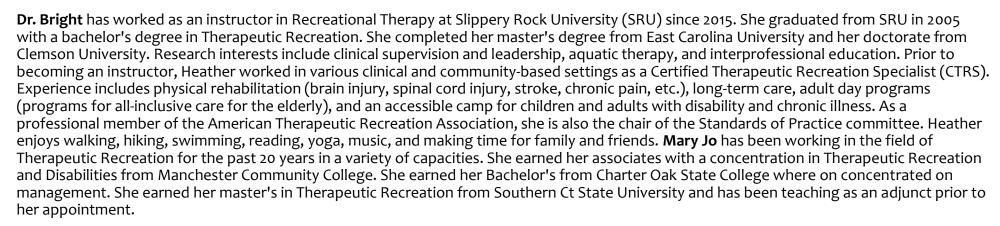






Topic: The ATRA Standards of Practice

Presenters: Dr. Heather Bright and Mary Jo Archambault





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Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association (CTRA) Saturday 8th February at 3:30PM (MST)

Host: Orquidea Tamayo Mortera

Topic: The importance of Partnerships for Recreation Therapy Organisations

Presenter: Glenn Skimming (Past President for CTRA)

Glenn Skimming works as a Recreation Therapist in Edson and Hinton, Alberta coordinating two Adult Day Programs. He also supports clients living in a lodge setting in Edson by supporting and encouraging them to connect with their community. He is an active member of both his Provincial and National Recreation Therapy Organizations and considers being a Recreation Therapist an honor and continues to encourage individuals to make informed leisure choices. He was a Transit Operator for almost 24 years, and during this time went to the University of Alberta and Graduated with a Bachelors Degree in 2001. After Transit, Glenn had worked in Adult Day Programs, worked with Supportive Living and Long Term Care organizations. He has, and continues to work in the community building partnerships with community organizations for the clients he supports. He enjoys cooking, loves camping, and spending time with friends in the town where he lives. Glenn and his wife love talking about their 3 Grandchildren, and their house is full of loving pets that keeps him and his wife meaningfully engage.

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Host: Colleen Knudson

Topic: Living Well: Mental Health Through Therapeutic Activities

Presenter: Nancy Richards, ADC/EDU, Founder, Author & Possibility Maker Activity Pathways, LLC

Explore the unique strengths and desires of folks living with Mental Illness and how Activity Services support a person's wellness and recovery plan. Session shares, and demonstrates, field tested activities that are highly adaptable and achievable with the goal being to design a living environment which minimizes potential barriers to activity participation and cultivates protective factors for wellbeing. Nancy promotes the benefits of purpose, exploration and play, elements of human wellness. She support folks, ages 20-70, in an inpatient mental health and substance use disorder program at a small non-profit hospital in suburban Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Wesley College and Gwynedd Mercy University with emphasis in Gerontology, designs, and delivers products and speaks nationally, released her second sensory activity engagement workbook, That Makes Sense! Sensory Ideas to Refresh Life in 2021. Is a Past President for the Pennsylvania Activity Professional Association, volunteers on the Education Council for the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP), nationally NCCAP certified and ardent supporter and mentor for people seeking NCCAP certification.

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Prioritising Wellbeing





National Activity Providers Association (NAPA) Thursday 13th February at 11:00AM (GMT)

Host: Hillary Woodhead

Topic: Across the Pond! Virtual International Exchange Program in Senior Living Communities

Presenter: Steve Gardner & Victoria James

Victoria James is the Corporate Director of Programming for Phoenix Senior Living (USA). In her role, Victoria oversees 42 senior living communities in engagement and resident lifestyle and develops training content for cognitive support within communal settings. She has over twelve years of experience in the aging population with backgrounds in social work and occupational therapy, which have influenced her perspective on engagement being based on dignity and function. Victoria resides in southern Louisiana with her son, Porter. Her organization, Phoenix Senior Living, is based out of Roswell, Georgia and currently has 42 properties across 10 states. Nearly 3500 residents reside in the independent, assisted, and memory care neighbourhoods of PSL. Steve Gardner is a passionate wellbeing advocate at Country Court Care, which operates 47 care homes across the UK. Residing in Hull, Yorkshire, he has travelled across the country for 14 years within the care sector dedicating his time to enhancing the quality of life for residents through holistic wellbeing initiatives, addressing both physical and emotional health. A holistic approach to wellbeing has been central to his message, allowing him to influence and inspire others across the care sector. He has developed programs that deliver positive outcomes for individuals at all levels of ability which has reached thousands of older adults. He loves to harness knowledge from some of the best people in the sector to provide innovation and improve wellbeing for older adults across the country. His job as the Head of Training and wellbeing allows him to focus on all aspects of care and have a driven wellbeing focus.

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Australian Recreational Therapy Association (ARTA) Monday 17th February at 9:00AM (AU)

Host: Charlise Bennett

Topic: Living Well: Mental Health Through Therapeutic Activities

Presenter: Emma Preston

Emma Preston has been a Diversional Therapist for almost 21 yrs. Currently has a position on the Australian Recreational Therapy Association Board. She has a Bachelor of Applied Science – Diversional Therapy and Master in Health Management – Aged Care both from WSU (previously UWS). Post Graduate Certificate in Education Studies (UTAS). She has an extensive work background across three states in Australia and across the entire lifespan o - 103 years of age. Emma has experience in Aged Care (Day Centre, Hostel, Residential Living), Mental Health (Child and Adolescent, Sub Acute Youth and Adult), Corrective Services (Regional Prison in the outback in a mixed gender prison ranging from minimum to maximum prisoners working in the Women's wing), Disability, GP Networks, Event Management and Education. She has an interest in education along with health as she believes we always need to continue to learn to maintain our best practice with industry and look towards our future focus.

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New Zealand Society of Diversional and Recreational Therapy Inc. (NZSDRT Inc.) Monday 24th February at 11:00AM (NZ)

Host: AJ Aledron

Topic: The Proven Benefits of Diversional and Recreational Therapy in a Public Hospital in Aotearoa

Presenter: Deepa Chetty

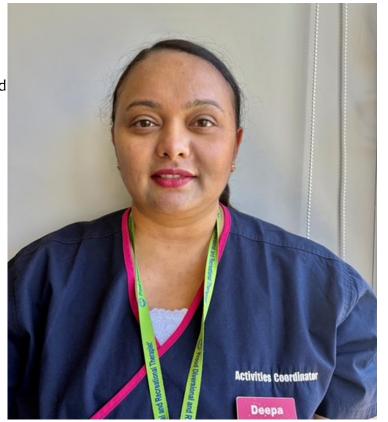
Deepa Chetty is a Registered Diversional and Recreational Therapist currently working as an Activities Coordinator at the inpatient wards for Older Adults, Rehabilitation and Allied Health at Kenepuru Hospital. Since the inception of her role in the public hospital professionals and the public in general have become more appreciative of the changes the profession brings in such a setting. Deepa is the lead contact person and president for Wellington Area Diversional and Recreational Therapist support group, and has years of experience working in health care facilities, community team for allied health and on various inpatient wards. Deepa has a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science, her National Certification in DRTh, and has done further studies in the area of public health and rehabilitation with Massey University. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Public Health.

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Diversional Therapy Association of Japan (DTAJ) Thursday 27th February at 7:00AM (JP)

Host: Takako Serizawa

Topic: Our joys and challenges in rooting Diversional Therapy in Japan

Presenter: Emiko Tanabe

Emiko worked as a registered nurse for 45 years, and presented many studies. At the age of 50, in order to enjoy a second life, she moved from working in a hospital to an aged care facility as a nursing supervisor. This is where she found Diversional Therapy (DT). It was the moment Emiko found the 'nursing and care' that she had always held deep in her heart. Emiko became head of the aged care residential facility 'Zushi Morino-Sato' eight years ago. As a top leader and good supporter of the staff, she is strongly committed to the promotion of Diversional Therapy in her facility. Emiko lives near the sea with her loving partner and two elderly dogs, and enjoys driving around in her pink car and having a delicious drink (SAKE) every day. She sometimes serves her signature dish to staff as a packed lunch.

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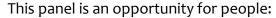
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A Global Panel: Therapeutic Recreation on a Global Scale, an open discussion by Leaders from NAPA, NAAP, ATRA, CTRA, DTAJ, ARTA, NZSDRT. Friday 28th February at 6:00PM (EST)

The format for this session will be Zoom Meeting. Please remain on Mute unless you are asking a question or making a comment but ensure to have Camera and Mic available to interact with the presenters.



- 1) To ask questions to all presenters about the possibilities and opportunities across countries
- 2) To share your ideas
- 3) To provide feedback
- 4) To meet like minded people like you
- 5) To join a special group of recreation professionals from across the globe
- 6) To learn more
- 7) To enhance curiosity

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