

We are looking for new members to join the Human Rights & Social Responsibility Committee!

We are looking for **three** new members to join the Human Rights & Social Responsibility Committee. The members are to be elected during the General Meeting of Members on October 22nd, 2026 in Dubrovnik.

The HR&SR Committee consist of 7 members, the Chair and 6 members. The vacancy concerns a voluntary job.

We expect that our new members are committed to our mission of exploring the interface between Gestalt therapy and the social-political context with reference to the advancement of human rights, which includes:

- Introducing and including Gestalt Therapy in social and political contexts and supporting the restoration of human rights and dignity in places where these have been violated and threatened. For example:
 - engaging in field projects related to refugees,
 - supporting human rights activists,
 - organizing and supporting professional networks for activists in the sphere of human rights,
 - encouraging local and professional initiatives and helping promoting them,
 - conducting and initiating seminars and workshops for helping working-crews to avoid burn-out, drop-out,
 - organising conference on the topic of human rights and social responsibility
 - etc.
- Encouraging Gestalt therapists to be socially active beyond the therapy room, to promote awareness about the social-political dimension of our work and guide training institutes to introduce aspects of HR&SR in their training curricula.

Profile for a member of Human Rights & Social Responsibility Committee:

- S/he is interested in social, political, cultural and ecological issues of today's world problems (vulnerable groups, conflict areas...).
- S/he shows readiness to becoming involved in direct field work, supporting vulnerable groups, and establishing advocacy for them.
- S/he shares knowledge (training, supervision, coaching, writing) and rises awareness about social, political and ecological issues among colleagues.
- S/he is committed to support local projects where Gestalt therapists, social workers and psychotherapists of different modalities provide professional assistance to people and situations in which human rights are violated.
- S/he has some personal experience of activity in social, cultural, political and/or ecological activities beyond the therapy room.

Tasks and competences of EAGT committee members:

- It is expected that committee members stay at least for a period of 3 years, to give to the committee continuity, but with a maximum of 9 years.
- They are actively involved in the committee projects.
- They inform themselves by reading all EAGT information.
- They are informed of developments in the field of Gestalt therapy and Gestalt Practitioner in Organizations at national and international levels.
- They are full members of EAGT.
- They represent the committee and EAGT.
- They are familiar with collaborative work in cloud solutions (MS Office 365, Zoom).

Each of the HR&SR committee members is directly responsible for or involved in one of the projects emerging from actual needs. For more information about the committee's project see <https://eagt.org/home/home/gt-menu/what-is-eagt-2/human-rights-and-social-responsibility-committee/>. At the moment the committee is planning to launch the following project:

A) Implementing Human Rights and Social Responsibility to the Training Curricula

The aim of the project is to inspire training institutes to include human rights and social responsibility into their training, in accordance with the historical roots, theory and values of gestalt therapy. We think it is necessary to ask ourselves, as training institutes, trainers, supervisors, psychotherapists and trainees, how and to what extent do we participate in the common efforts to implement the human rights, or even to what extent do we stand in the way of their implementation. Stemming from this is the question how does society come into our trainings and office and how we (can) go to society.

We want to stimulate the reflection:

- how the issues of human rights and social responsibility is put a gestalt therapy training (e.g. teaching about HR&SR in relation to psychotherapy; emphasizing the wider socio-political aspects of mental health; assuring diversity and non-oppressiveness in the training itself, organising clinical practicum by going to the community and have cooperation with for example a Cancer Society etc.);
- how we can bring more of our values to society (dialogue – listening to different views, contact as overcoming projections, polarisations, stereotypes...).

Besides offering support given their local situations and needs our hope is to create space for the training institutes to exchange the information about what they already do and together produce new ideas.

Information:

Detailed information can be found in our bylaws which can be downloaded from our website www.eagt.org (downloads)

If you are interested, please send your motivation statement and CV together with 2 recommendation letters of full members and a max. 4-minute video presentation to info@eagt.org **before September 1st, 2026.**