

Margaret Lowenfeld Memorial Seminar



Curriculum Vitae

Background Information

Paternal

Family had large estates in Poland 40 miles north of Krakow, the village was called Chrzynow. Father was strongly attached to Poland and went back every year in order not to lose his Polish nationality. Religion R.C. (M. was brought up C. of E.) Father lived in London some 20 years, eventually went to live in Paris for health reasons. Died 1937.

Maternal

Mother born Alice Mary Evans, of Welsh Parentage. Maternal grandfather Naval Officer.

Sister

Helen, b. 1988 Distinguished Gynaecologist (Dr. Helena Wright.) Founder of the Family Planning Association. Worked many years in India. Now aged 92.

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| 1890 | 4 th February, born, Lowndes Square, London |
| 1895 | Mother presented at Court |
| 1897 | Kindergarten London and Vienna. Father bought hotel in London. |
| 1898/99 | Both pat. Grandparents died. Travels: Brindisi, Naples, Hamburg, Poland again via Copenhagen. Father bought Apollo theatre. |
| 1901 | Apollo Theatre finished. Back to Poland and staying in Berlin with relatives. Parents getting divorced. |
| 1902 | Ill most of the time. Change of School. Appendicitis. |
| 1907 | Continued unsettled. Shuttled from Poland to Berlin and Vienna. Mother remarried. Margaret lived with mother but went to and fro to see Father. Also back to England to see sister in Oxford. |
| 1908 | Attended Lectures at Bedford College having moved from Cheltenham where she attended the Ladies College. Suffering from bad nightmares: Doctor |

advised her to leave the family. Went to Berlin, lived in Father's hotel. Ill again.

- 1909 Sister took her home to England. Spent some time in Italy where Father lived. Most of the time ill again.
- 1910 Took Matric, failed Latin
- 1914 Entered L.S.M.W. (R.F.H.) to work for M.B.B.S. Lon. Work completed and M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. taken to make resident work in R.F.H. possible (war still on). H.S. South London Women's Hospital.
- 1919/22 Went to save family property near Krakow, Poland at the end of World War I – during Russo-Polish war. M.O. to Friends Typhus Mission and USA/YMCA and P.O.W. Dept – Sec. European Students Relief, Warsaw.
- 1922 In London at that date there was no psychotherapeutic work for children. Decision to train for research.
- 1923-25 M.R.C & Muirhead Research School at R.H.S.C., Glasgow, on Acute Rheumatism and Social Conditions (under Professor Leonar Findlay), M.R.C. No 14, 1927.
- 1925 Beginning of the World Technique.
- 1925-27 Alfred Langton Research School for research on Lactation in the Obstetric unit of the R.F.H. under Professor Louise McIlroy and Professor Winifred Cullis. Clin. Ass. to Dr. Chodak-Gregory in the Childrens Dept. Personal Analysis.
Psychological physician to School Children's Consultation Centre, St. Marylebone, London.
- 1928 Started the Childrens Centre for psychotherapeutic treatment of children from a poor district. (In this year the British delegation left for U.S.A. to learn Child Guidance.)

1931	Name of The Children's Centre changed to the Institute of Child Psychology with Dr. Margaret Lowenfeld and Dr. Ethel Dukes as Co-Directors
1935	A suitable Training Course started in child psychotherapy for suitable medical and non medical men and women. Publication of 'Play in Childhood', Gollancz.
1937	The freehold premises of 6 Pembridge Villas, W11 given to the I.C.P.
1940-46	In charge of the I.C.P. evacuated to Hertfordshire as 'The Children's Clinic'.
1948	International Conference on Child Psychotherapy at the I.C.P. (preceding the inaugural Congress on W.F.M.H.) Report published by the I.C.P. 'On the Psychotherapy of Children'. Ed. Dr. Lowenfeld, Foreword by Dr. Eric Strauss.
1950	Consultant Columbia University, Research in Contemporary Cultures, New York under Dr. Margaret Mead.
1955-59	Member of Exec. Comm. Child Psychiatry Sec. R.M.P.A.
1959	Consultation work moved from the I.C.P. to 92, Harley Street. Work started with Miss Ville Anderson (dip. I.C.P.) on development of Kaleidoblocs and Poleidoblocs G and A.
1960-65	With Dr. Z.P. Dienes, Co-Director of British Assn. Unit for Research into the Generation of Mathematical Insights.
1961	Consultant to 'Studies in Allopathic Orientation'; New York Director of Training, Institute of Child Psychology Included in Directory of British Scientists
1963	Inauguration of W.F.M.H./I.C.P. Study Group on 'Prevention of Damaging Stress in Children'/
1965-66	Research application to the National Institutes of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

- 1967 Jan 11th 'on site' visit to the I.C.P. and 92 Harley Street by four Senior Psychologists from the N.I.M.H. April. Research application accepted by National Advisory Mental Health Council and National Ad. Child Health and Human Development. July. Financial award made, but payment delayed till 1968.
- 1971 Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatry and head of children's department.
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine
- Fellow of the British Psychological Society
- Member of the British Medical Association
- Member of the Psychological Medicine
- Member of the Royal Anthropological Society
- Member of the International Council of Women Psychologists
- Member of the Medical Women's Federation