

**WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS CURRICULUM
SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER TRAINING PROGRAMME
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Our Shamanic Training was established in 1992, since when we have trained many hundreds of students worldwide. While many can learn to journey for their own benefit and spiritual connection, shamanism is a calling not a career choice: we are committed to training, under supervision, mature and grounded people who are called to practice by the spirits. We only endorse professional practitioners who have completed the training, and remain in supervision. Enquiries to Caitlín Matthews, tigerna9@aol.com

NON-PRACTITIONER COURSES – These courses are for those who want to learn to journey in the context of one of the sacred arts. These do not lead to practitioner training. *To continue onto level B, take Foundation Course first.*

1. *Art of Natural Prayer* - finding a spiritual practice, prayer & mediation
2. *Sacred Companions* - spirit companionship in daily life.
3. *Singing the Soul Back Home* – soul-singing course
4. *Landscapes of the Soul* - shamanic art course
5. *Augury and Inspiration* - Celtic divination from nature

A. FOUNDATION LEVEL – for beginners – leading to level B
Foundation Course in Celtic and Ancestral Shamanism– teaches basic journeying

B. INTERMEDIATE LEVEL – for those who can journey
These two courses are the essential two hands of shamanism –to enter level C you must take both courses* to go on to further practitioner training.

- *1. *Thresholds of Power & Healing* – healing, power, extraction
- *2. *Midwifing the Soul* - healing & soul retrieval

BEYOND THIS POINT, COURSES DO NOT RUN EVERY YEAR, BUT CYCLE ROUND.

C. ADVANCED LEVEL

Practitioners may choose a minimum of 3 electives from this group to go onto level D. We recommend courses 1 & 2 as essential.

1. *Voyages of the Soul* - dying, death and after death
2. *Blessing Ancestral Hearths* – healing bloodlines and ancestral inclusion
3. *Cruthneacht: Way of the Shapers* – embodiment of spirits, shaping ourselves
4. *Speaking Gold* - oraclework and divination

Preparation for Level D, taught by Cáit Branigan & Pippa Bondy with Caitlín

5. *The Art of the Healing Voice* - traditional healing work with voice
6. *Tending the Hearth* - house-clearing and blessing
7. *The Way of Council* – listening and council skills

D. PRACTITIONER IN TRAINING

1. *Hearkening to the Horse's Mouth* – teaching others to journey. On successful completion of this course, students are invited to join the Co-Walkers Peer Practice Review for online supervision with graduates & tutors, to maintain essential practice. From hereon, we look for consistency and commitment.
2. *Shamanic Course Works* - These courses, one every year, are for practitioners in training, to help them practice the skills they have learned in a genuine healing context with a client; teaching, support and supervision are given on each course.

PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION

No human being can give out shamanic certificates of competence, that is the province of the spirits. However, before any practice with the public, we each need to present ourselves in a professional manner. Those reaching this level of competence are invited to register with FíOS. We require mature and responsible practitioners to have a code of practice, to be signatories to a code of ethics, and uphold a vulnerable person's protection policy in their work before beginning practice.

Practitioners who, in the opinions of their supervisors are ready, are encouraged to practice as 'practitioners in training' FíOS will recommend them to Balens Insurers. All 'practitioners in training' after a satisfactory year of supervision, will be listed in our register of shamanic practitioners, with name, town and contact details, but supervision must be maintained by Co-Walker Peer Practice Review, and with one of our tutors.

E. PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONER

These residential Co-Walkers Sessions are for graduates whose practice has been established and who remain in supervision.

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| 1. <i>Honouring the Web</i> | - advanced diagnosis & practitioner support |
| 2. <i>The Altar of our Practice</i> | - practising in client sessions |
| 3. <i>Gladdening the Circle</i> | - community ritual, co-taught by peer graduates |

Graduates from this level are considered professional and will be listed as 'shamanic consultants' on our register.

Teaching Opportunities: we occasionally invite those who show mature aptitude to assist on courses at the Foundational and Intermediate courses.

'You can graduate from your shamanic training period, but you never graduate from learning the art of shamanism. The mapping of the spirit realms knows no end.'

- William S. Lyon. *Spirit Talkers*.