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## **A Group Through The Magnifying Glass: What Happens Inside?**

Groups nowadays exist in great variety: there are different settings, different goals, the members can be clients or patients, the exploration of oneself and others can be through talking, dancing, drawing, playing, the conductors come from different professional fields and various theoretical backgrounds.

Do all those groups have something in common? Can we find common language to understand what happens in the group – in any group?

During the life of any group something is happening, developing, influencing, changing – we call it group dynamics. The leader of any group observes, studies, tries to understand what goes on in his or her group. It is a great help and even a necessity to have a magnifying glass of knowledge and to be able to see what is happening in a group on intrapsychic, interpersonal and group-as-a-whole levels. Be it a play therapy group, a class of students, a group-analytic group or psychodrama – the leader has to have this magnifying glass in order to „read“ the group as only so he will be able to lead the group to the positive outcome.

**We invite professionals working with groups in different settings, using various techniques or approaches, to share and discuss their understanding of the group processes.**