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The launch of a new open access journal: Murmurations: Journal of Transformative Systemic Practice

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On Friday 24th of November, we celebrated the launch of the first issue of a new open access *Murmurations: Journal of Transformative Systemic Practice*. A video showed some fantastic murmurations - hundreds or sometimes thousands of birds whirling in the most exquisite coordinations to create ever-changing formations. In the same way that a murmuration is a system gracefully transformed in an instant, the journal *Murmurations* is about transformative practice, movement and dynamic stabilities. In a murmuration, each bird is connected to others, and they are all connected to the same network, the same territories.

Murmurations journal aspires to situate systemic practitioners in a community which understands creative writing and mixed media as forms of relational practice and dialogue.



*Gail Simon, Editor, with Birgitte Pedersen
and Liz Day, Deputy Editors of Murmurations.*

The journal's editors, Gail Simon, Birgitte Pedersen and Elizabeth Day had been concerned about the absence of publishing opportunities for relationally oriented systemic practitioners, writing from within reflexive practice.

It was with great pleasure therefore that a large group of people gathered together in London on this Friday night to celebrate the first issue of this transformative journal. The evening had it all: impressive video, moving stories, laughs, interesting conversations, great food and wine!



Roma Thomas (Research Fellow at the University of Bedfordshire), Bill Tate (Director of The Institute For Systemic Leadership) and Theresa Wilson (Systemic Psychotherapist) listening to a moving speech by Gaby Charing, Liz's partner.



Mebrat Deres (Systemic Psychotherapist) and Philip Messent (Editor of the Journal of Family Therapy).



Kiri Summers (Chair of the Friends of KCC), Jason Maldonado-Page (Systemic Psychotherapist), Sarah Helps (Systemic Lead Tavistock Clinic), Philip Messent (Editor of the Journal of Family Therapy).



A lively discussion with wine!



Gail Simon (Editor of Murmurations) with Desa Markovic (Professor at Regents University and Covent Garden Counselling Centre).

Many thanks to all the people who came, as well as to everyone who sent their good wishes for *Murmurations: Journal of Transformative Systemic Practice* from around the world who could not be there! This is the exciting beginning of something that we trust will continue for a very long time to come...