

The Global Affiliations Working Group Report 2023

We are a small group comprising of Elena Cerruto, Johanna Jokela, Anat Yariv, Angeliki Bitzaraki, Annelies Planckaert and Shirley A Mawer, the coordinator of the group.

Following on from the 2022 GA, having developed some wonderful valuable and value creating relationships with Dance Movement Therapy Associations from across the globe, including Columbia, India, Argentina, & Brazil, which were infused by our monthly meetings online, we looked together at how we would move forwards as a working group.

We are keen to move forwards together with the EADMT Board and their vision for this working party.

Between the EADMT GA in 2022 to date we have met online 8 times and exchanged messages and emails. It was not clear in our first meetings in October and November last year how we would develop as a working group, so we spoke a lot and shared our thoughts.

The meeting and thinking together led to the idea of making some short videos based on building unity and connections, and looking at how we as DMTs can contribute to building peaceful and harmonious relationships particularly between countries in war zones. The videos were proposed as a further part of a growing online visibility and also related to future conferences

In June 2023, a meeting was held with the EADMT Board who invited us to change direction and to begin to look at how we as European DMTs can begin to develop stronger relationships with our fellow Arts Therapists across Europe.

It took some time to process the proposed change of direction. We do not have much to report yet and moving forwards we are looking at how best to put this into action. Starting with building the relationships firstly within our (the members of Global Affiliations, working group) individual countries.

Our aims going forward remain:

Build Connections

To learn and share

Sustain and promote the Profession

Move forwards together

Become more aware

Embrace & celebrate diversity