

Q2. What do you like most about the Alliance? (107 of 117 answered)

I believe in its mission *

- Commitment to sharing and exploring ideas in psychoanalytic psychotherapy
- Bringing together colleagues with interests in psychoanalysis
- When it keeps its focus on serving clinicians interested in psychoanalytic ideas & practice
- I am drawn to the commitment of the Alliance to encourage collegial dialogue and education across disciplines
- That it is *an Alliance*, offering a wide palate of educational, professional and art experiences
- The non-hierarchical, welcoming structure and intention of the organization to provide a home for psychoanalytic practitioners and thinkers and to provide opportunities for growth to members at all stages of their careers

Sense of Community (x3) *

- The Alliance community
- The people (x3)
- Community (x3)
- Great community gathering organization
- Clinical community
- Good community of practitioners
- Professional community
- Diverse community
- Sense of professional, open, helpful community it provides
- Opportunities to interact with / get to know colleagues
- Opportunities to meet people
- Members themselves seem to me to be consistently welcoming & inclusive
- Opportunity to connect with, learn from, and be in dialogue with other clinicians
- Good discussions always at professional meetings
- I love having people to talk to who are interested in ... unconscious process
- Unifying group, multi-disciplinary
- Bringing together clinicians with a range of training experience & develops a sense of community in the field of psychoanalysis
- Collegial support & shared passion for learning and development through the various opportunities to connect: trainings, special events, etc.
- Opportunity to network
- Sense of feeling connected to the larger therapy community
- Clinical conversations
- The spirit of community and openness across credentials / theories
- A place where non-analysts feel at home and are honored
- Broad-based membership that is inclusive
- Community sensibility
- Non-denominational analytic community
- Community. Venue for thinking. Lively interchange.

Diversity and inclusiveness of psychoanalytic orientations *

- Diversity of psychoanalytic perspectives

- Its openness to a range of analytically-informed approaches
- Bringing together psychoanalytically-oriented therapists from different theoretical backgrounds
- Multi-disciplinary – offers a range of theory & practice within psychoanalytic realm.
- Professional organization that welcomes diversity in psychoanalysis, with emphasis on the creativity. This is the best of the best.
- Diversity of backgrounds
- Inclusive of various lines of thought
- Place for many points of view & therefore attracts a wide range of members
- Inclusiveness of approaches/perspectives
- It's umbrella nature
- Open to all ideas
- How ecumenical it is
- It is about psychoanalysis but open to all in a way that is unique and stimulating
- Focus on psychoanalysis from diverse perspectives
- Coming together of different approaches to therapy
- Its ecumenical approach to disseminating and generating information, thought, and discussion
- It's interest in bringing together all disciplines devoted to the psyche and it's freedom
- Non-affiliation with a particular way of thinking
- The collegiality that accommodates a variety of analytic perspectives
- Diversity of analytic perspectives of the applied use of analytic ideas in the community
- The ecumenical feeling. Diversity.
- Cross-theoretical-lines orientation
- Diversity of people and perspectives
- Cross-fertilization
- It's open, interdisciplinary range of interests, and its diversity.

Professional development opportunities (workshops, classes, etc) *

- Variety and quality of offerings
- Quality of offerings
- Diverse learning opportunities, at low cost, and still maintaining high quality
- Offerings – such a variety
- Variety of offerings
- Learning opportunities
- Variety of events & offerings
- Appreciate the multitude of offerings from the Alliance
- Educational offerings
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Interesting educational offerings
- Variety of learning experiences
- Education
- Consistently changing topics & speakers
- Opportunities for Continuing Education

- At my place in the profession (student) it is so very helpful to learn about the actual life of being a therapist
- Through the Alliance I have received excellent supervision and training, and also met people and had experiences as enriching to me personally and creatively, as professionally

That it crosses institute affiliations *

- Inter-institute energies
- Different analytic schools
- That it is separate from the institutes, less dogmatism
- That it is an organization where psychoanalytically-oriented therapists / thinkers can come together – outside of a training program
- Provides a way to contact like-minded clinicians and others who are not necessarily from my training background. The diversity is invigorating!
- Open, multi-theoretical, no institute hierarchy

Inclusion of artistic pursuits *

- Exploration of the arts
- That it mixes psychoanalysis with the arts, politics, etc.
- Incorporation of the arts / right brain approaches and experiences

The evolving nature of the Alliance *

- Flexible response as the years go by

And, a list of adjectives

- Collegial (x6)
- Openness (x3)
- Diversity (x6)
- Inclusiveness (x8)
- Conviviality
- Genuinely inclusive
- Collegial relationships
- Generosity of members
- Open-minded perspective
- Warmth & Openness
- Openness of the organization
- Diversity, high professionalism without judgmental quality
- Smart people
- Interesting people / presenters / ideas

Program Specific (x = number of times mentioned)

- Clinic without Walls (x13)
- Forum Magazine / Newsletter (x6)
- Forum event (x6)
- Special Events (x4) Speakers like Panksepp
- Clinical classes (x4)
- Professional Meetings (x3)
- Membership Directory (x2)
- Potential Space (x2)
- Film night & discussions
- Consults
- The internship was tremendously helpful

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