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Keri Phillips - An Obituary - June 2023

Julie Hay

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, we are publishing an article posthumously. It was submitted a few months ago when the author knew he had leukaemia but expected to live for another year – however, fate had other plans for him and he died at the end of last month. There is a note within the article to indicate what has happened and this page is added in his memory because he has been contributing to the TA community significantly over many years.



Keri Phillips

Keri was a long-term member of the IDTA – the Institute of Developmental TA – because he provided a wide range of organisational consultancy, including particularly coaching, coaching supervision, team building and leadership, all with a focus on organisational development.

In addition to coaching individuals within the public and private sectors, Keri worked with a wide range of sectors such as the UK government, universities, banks and financial institutions, retail, transport, construction, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals and hi-tech. A lot of TA carried into a lot of cultures!

Anyone in the UK who are of my generation will recognise the significance when I talk about how he contributed to the Brunel Management program, designed and ran programmes as Assistant Director of Studies at Roffey Park Management College, and worked on the text for the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Foundation Certificate in Coaching.

In addition, Keri was routinely presenting at conferences, for the European Mentoring & Coaching Council (EMCC), the Association for Coaching, the UK ICF, the British Association for Supervisor Practice and Research, and the Critical Coaching Research Group. He was, of course, also at various TA conferences, including as keynote speaker on Culture, Difference and Diversity for the UK National TA Conference in 2016.

Search Amazon UK for his name and various books show up, including *Transactional Analysis in Organisations*, or see them also if you access his website at http://keriphillips.co.uk/, where there are also a wide range of blogs and articles, with free access to many items. I am hoping that much of his material will be transferred eventually under the Resources tab on the TA website on which the Abstracts of this journal are published in several languages - https://taresearch.org/ - so that Keri's legacy can continue to be available.