

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS

JULY, 2025

Please find below a listing of the Free-of-cost support groups for the month, offered by The LightHouse Arabia. The timings indicated are Gulf Standard Time (GST).

Grief & Loss

MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS SUPPORT GROUP

For women 21+ years who have lost their mother and come together and share experiences, feelings and offer support.

Wednesday, July 9th
5.30pm - 7pm; (Women, 21 yrs+)

FACILITATED BY

MADALINA OANA FILIP, MSc (Romania)
Psychologist



ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A small group open to men and women who are grieving the death of someone significant to them.

Monday, July 14th
5pm - 6.30pm; (Adults, 18 yrs+)

FACILITATED BY

FARAH DAHABI, LCSW (US)
Clinical Social Worker
Trauma and Crisis Services, Director



PARTNER LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

This is a safe and supportive space for individuals who have lost their partners (married or unmarried). The group aims to provide participants with a space to speak openly about their grief alongside others who have shared experiences.

Tuesday, July 22nd
4pm - 5.30pm; (Adults, 21 yrs+)

FACILITATED BY

DR. HOPOLANG MATEE, PhD. (South Africa)
Clinical Psychologist



PRE-BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

This support group is a compassionate space for individuals (21 yrs+), who are actively caregiving for a loved one facing a degenerative illness, terminal diagnosis or age-related decline.

Thursday, July 24th
6pm - 7pm;

FACILITATED BY

EIDDE FRANCKE, M.A. (South Africa)
Clinical Psychologist



Kindly note, a one-time 50-minute Grief Consultation is required before attending a Grief Support Group unless stated otherwise. Please call to schedule on **T. +971 (0)4 380 2088.**



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Health:

HEARTBREAK SUPPORT GROUP

For men and women (21+ yrs), who have recently experienced the breakdown or end of a committed romantic relationship. This group aims to provide a safe space to share, connect, seek support and explore the challenges being faced.

Monday, July 7th
5pm – 6pm; (Adults, 21 yrs+)



FACILITATED BY

DR. LUCY WOOD, DClinPsy (UK)
Clinical Psychologist

CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP

***New Group**

This supportive space is for adults (21 years+), who are living with chronic pain (any pain lasting more than three months). It can be due to conditions such as arthritis, back pain, fibromyalgia, migraines, MS or pain caused by a permanent physical injury.

*Kindly note, this group is not suitable for those experiencing chronic pain due to terminal illness.

Monday, July 7th
7pm – 8pm; (Adults, 21 yrs+)



FACILITATED BY

ERICA ERASMUS, M.A. (South Africa)
Clinical Psychologist

IVF & FERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

In partnership with **IVF Support UAE**, this is an online group for women coming together, to support other women to understand the impact of IVF and infertility on personal wellbeing. The LightHouse Arabia is committed to reducing the stigma and shame around infertility. We seek to provide support, understanding and a non-judgmental environment for everyone.

Monday, July 14th
10am – 11.30am; (Women)



FACILITATED BY

DR. TARA WYNE, D.Clin.Psy (UK)
Clinical Psychologist & Clinical Director

ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) SUPPORT GROUP

This group provides a safe, confidential and relaxed setting online for adults with ASD/Asperger's to share their thoughts and feelings, and/or ask for feedback, information, and support from each other.

Wednesday, July 16th
8.30pm – 9.30pm; (Adults, 18 yrs+)

Tuesday July 29th
6pm – 7pm; (Adults, 18 yrs+)
***In-person at The LightHouse Arabia (Al Wasl Rd)**



FACILITATED BY

ANNA WHITE, BSc. (Ireland)
Sr. Occupational Therapist
SI Practitioner & MHFA UAE Director

LIFE AFTER DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Reclaim, rebuild and thrive. This is a safe space to share challenges faced when dealing with divorce, to learn evidence-based strategies in coping with stressors, and have experiences normalized through the power of sharing.

Tuesday, July 22nd
6pm – 7pm; (Adults, 21 yrs+)



FACILITATED BY

DR. TARA WYNE, D.Clin.Psy (UK)
Clinical Psychologist & Clinical Director

EXPAT SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP

This monthly support group is open to all adult expats living in the UAE and is a safe space to meet others, connect, and feel more at home in the UAE from the comfort of your own home. Connect with fellow expats, share stories and exchange tips about life and experiences in the UAE, and learn how to navigate life's challenges with support, reaffirming that you are not alone.

Monday, July 28th
7.30pm – 8.30pm; (Adults, 21 yrs+)



FACILITATED BY

MAROPENG RALENALA
MA Clin. Psy. (South Africa)
Clinical Psychologist

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Parenting:

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS

This group provides a safe, confidential and relaxed setting online for parents and caregivers of children with Autism (ages 5 - 18 years old). It is a space for parents to come together and share experiences, while offering support to one another.

Monday, July 7th
6pm - 7pm; (Parents)



FACILITATED BY

KIRSTEN NEFDT, M.A. (South Africa)
Clinical Psychologist

CONSCIOUS PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

This support group is a space for parents of children ages 6 - 11 years to discuss the challenges and stressors they face in raising their children. In a time where advice on how to manage challenges like screen time, sleep, friendships, and big emotions can be varied, parents will be able to share their dilemmas, as well as hear from other parents about things that have or haven't worked for them.

Wednesday, July 23rd
7pm - 8pm; (Parents)



FACILITATED BY

WESLEY KEW, MA (South Africa)
Clinical Psychologist

SINGLE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A support group designed to provide a safe space single parents to share the daily challenges they face in single-parenting, have personal experiences normalized through the power of sharing, be equipped with evidence-based strategies in dealing with their stressors, and feel a sense of containment and support with what they are experiencing at present, while meeting other single parents.

Tuesday, July 15th
6pm - 7pm; (Parents)



FACILITATED BY

CHRISTINE KRITZAS, M.A. (South Africa)
Psychologist & Parenting Services, Director

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