



We are immensely sad to announce the loss of our wonderful friend and colleague, Moira McLaughlin. Moira has been a clear bright light in the Action Learning community for so many years and was the longest serving IFAL exec member. She will be missed and mourned by all who knew her.

Moira was always friendly and loyal to friends, family and IFAL together - and determined to make the best of any situation ~ Antony

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One of the most warm, humble and generous persons I've ever met has just passed away.

Moira McLaughlin had an open heart for everybody and cared about the wellbeing of everybody she met.

She was very competent in what she did in for example Action Learning and it was obvious for her to share and not hide what she had learnt.

Moira and I were in one of the first Action Learning sets, testing "online set".

There we all learned a lot together and I remember Moira as the warm human being, who had an honest interest in all of us.

Myself and my Action Learning friends in Sweden will miss you much.

Let's try to go on and make a better world for everybody with the help of Action Learning among other things.

I'm convinced that there are more lives after this one on earth.

Perhaps we meet again in another dimension of an Action Learning set ~ Christer

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I knew Moira through Action Learning and from the very first time I met her I was struck by and in awe of her perception, warmth and bravery. Over the years we shared brief moments together at events or through conversations and on each occasion she contributed to me in some way. She truly was a gift to those who had the privilege to meet her. Such a loss to this world ~ Fiona

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I first met Moira when I joined the IFAL Executive in 2005 and as a new member was immediately struck by the warmth of her personality. She had great insight and clarity of thought, was always attentive to the needs of others, would express forthright views when needed, had a mischievous sense of humour and was a wonderful colleague and friend. She often talked of her family and her love for and pride in all of you. I will miss her enormously and will remember her always ~ Jan

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I have known Moira for over a decade but initially in the sense of 'across a room'; a beautiful woman who always looked so stylish and to me encapsulated a nod to the punk and feminist days of the 1980s, combined with a dash of sophistication. I only got to know her more after 2016 through IFAL.

Her emails were always so warm and wise and when, after working together on the IFAL Exec, we discovered a love of clothes and shoes, it was a joy to pass on to her a pair of my late Godmothers vintage brogues that in Moira's words gave a "new lease of life to a pair of trousers!". After being more connected through IFAL later in 2017 we started a conversation about doing some work together and also shared stories and experiences of coping with ill parents. When Moira had her diagnosis early in January 2018 she kindly thought of me to pick up some work and this led to a deeper connection. We shared a few walks in the woods, north and south of the river, as Moira worked to get stronger after surgery. These walks are very precious to me, she was an amazing woman who taught me such a lot about being a woman, mother, coach and facilitator. My memory of her is sitting in dappled sunlight in the cafe in Highgate Woods, smiling and talking, listening to her wise words. -Jane

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Moira brought intelligence, humour, energy into the room. It was always a delight to be with her, to hear her thoughts and insights, to learn from her gentle challenge and observations, to feel the warmth of her presence.

Reflecting on her loss reminds me of the things I learnt from her over the years through our time together on the IFAL Exec and our virtual AL training. She brought her knowledge of the therapeutic, a reference to the wider system, her intellectual acuity about the theory, her understanding about emotions - into all our discussions and learning and AL practise- the courage to go deeper, commitment to keep learning, kindness to know yourself better, and therefore others.

Thank you Moira ~ Janie

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I worked with Moira on the IFAL Executive Committee for more than ten years. She was a warm welcoming presence at any gathering. Her skill as a practitioner was masterly and she was always able to create, in her words, a felt sense' of safety, warmth and trust rather than an intellectual idea' of what that means. Moira taught me so much and I am proud and privileged to have spent time with her and been one of her friends. Sweet dreams Moira ~ John

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Moira, you welcomed me into the world of IFAL with warmth, grace and your beautiful smile. You were an inclusive, generous and supportive colleague as well as a lot of fun. I always looked forward to seeing what you would be wearing and your impeccable dress sense never disappointed. I will miss you greatly ~ Lynne

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To me Moira was a beautiful woman, inside and out. She was also a wonderful friend to me, supporting me for many years with her gentle and caring nature. I know that we will all miss Moira; she touched so many of our lives ~ Mark

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Moira was a truly kind and generous person and her enthusiastic energy inspired me to step into the world of professional coaching and facilitation. I will always remember her sense of fun, humility and humanity ~ Mike

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I was very glad to know Moira. I will remember her warmth and generosity. She will be sadly missed from the action learning community ~ Ruth

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Moira was one of the most genuine and welcoming people I have had the pleasure to know. She had the gift of listening to people in a way that provided support and empathy to me and all in the AL community.

She embodied all that Action Learning stands for and always saw the good in people.

I will miss her greatly but will carry fond memories of being her friend with me forever ~ Sean

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A friend with a big heart and a lot of warmth.

A friend with wisdom that she always shared.

A much appreciated colleague who created learning relationships. Moira, was easy to love. I miss her ~ Stefan

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Moira was an inspiration to me and to others who had the privilege of meeting her at the Global Forum in Davos. Her patience, humility and authenticity were genuine and contagious. She introduced me to Virtual Action Learning that in turn led to very insightful discussions about Action Learning Sets and their deeper meaning for Action Learners and their lives. She will always be in our hearts as a model of graciousness, intelligence and empathy. "Vichnaya pamiat" (in Ukrainian, "eternal memory") ~ Yury