

Closing the Bones Facilitating Workshop



Saturday 6 April 2019, 10am-5pm

Big You Little Me, 392 Aigburth Road, Liverpool (Aigburth), L19 3QD

Would you like to learn how to offer the beautiful Closing the Bones ceremony?

The Closing the Bones ceremony (CtB), sometimes also known as Rebozo massage, is a deeply nurturing treatment that focuses on the abdomen and hips (with also upper body work possible), and that can include Rebozo massage techniques for the entire body (shoulders, torso, back, hips, full arms and legs).

CtB is incredibly versatile in its use and can be used in an extraordinary range of situations, and for almost everyone. While CtB is traditionally done during the postpartum period (the 40-day "4th trimester" of pregnancy), it is not limited to postnatal use.

When done postnatally, it is offered to support women who have (more or less recently) gone through the extremely opening experience of pregnancy, labour and childbirth (during which a woman allows another soul to take birth through her). It helps a woman to find her own self and center again and allows her to be sealed back into herself. Yet, the sealing or closing can still be done decades after a woman has given birth with the same extraordinarily transformational effects. Moreover, CtB is also incredibly healing after the loss of a baby, a miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion.

Yet, it is not an exclusive postpartum treatment... The massage can be used to mark major times of transition in a woman's life (irrespective of whether she has given birth or not), such as young girls starting their period – most women indicate to feel tremendous relief from period pains when receiving the massage on the first few days of their menstruation – , marriage, divorce or the end of a relationship, moving home, transitioning between jobs, to mark the menopause, ... And its magic doesn't end there: it can also be used to support men, women and children who suffer from anxiety, shock, trauma, PTSD, ADD, autism, or who feel overwhelmed or over-stimulated. Anyone with a pelvis will benefit from CtB!

You can read a lot more about what Closing the Bones entails, and what treatments look like, on my webpage <http://www.shuniya-yoga.org/closing-bones-ceremony/>.

Do you feel called to use and integrate this very sacred and devotional work professionally (you might e.g. already be a birth worker, doula, midwife, massage therapist, pregnancy or postnatal yoga teacher, ...)? Or do you maybe just want to be able to offer your near and dear ones (family, friends, people in your community, ...) one of the most nourishing and soulful gifts you could gift them? You would be joining a tribe of nearly 400 women (and a few men) who are passionate about nurturing (mainly) women in this way - and we make sure to give you all the possible tools to really help you connect with that tribe and feel supported by them on your own journey as bone closer.

In this one-day workshop you will learn the first set of Closing the Bones techniques (there is a second set of more in-depth techniques which will be taught the following day, Sunday 7 April 2019) which will allow you to start offering this ceremony to women (and men, and children) around you. You will be certified so that you can get insurance. Participant numbers are consciously kept small so that there is plenty of time for individual attention -- the limit is 14 people. The workshop covers the background of the massage, the tutors' experience of giving the massage, a practical demo, practice of the massage, debrief of the experience and a group closing ceremony to finish the day.

The training fee is £120. This includes a set of handouts with very detailed instructions of the techniques (which have been explained and validated by an osteopath) and theory learnt, as well as video instructions of each part of the massage (to help you even better as you start practicing at home). Moreover, it also draws on the unique mix of traditional and scientific knowledge that is collected between us in the CtB training team. You will also get access to a very active and responsive FB-group with over 400 members on which all 3 of us trainers are very active in answering questions - it's truly a fantastic space for sharing with and learning from each other.

Fee includes a £45 non-refundable deposit (note that the full £120 is to be paid upon registration – if that is not feasible for you, do contact me to work out a payment plan). In the unlikely event that the course needs to be cancelled (such as sickness), all fees will be refunded. In the event of late (less than 2 weeks notice) cancellation or non-attendance at the workshop without advance warning, all fees are non-refundable. Please email me at japjeetkaur@shuniya-yoga.org to register your spot. You'll then receive payment details.

Lunch is not included. You can bring your lunch with you or go out during the lunch break.

You'll also have the opportunity to purchase:

- * Rebozo shawls (different types and prices) to use for the massage and ceremonies.
- * essential oils and specifically formulated essential oil blends to be used for the massage
- * wooden sticks to use
- * energy-cleansing palo santo sprays.

This way you can easily get your 'starter kit' ready straightaway. None of these items are included in the price.

If you cannot make this date, or Liverpool is too far from you, you can always contact me to be kept informed about further dates, OR we can look at organising a training workshop near you. Email me in that case.