

"CRITICAL POSITIONS ON AND BEYOND RECOVERY"
THE DR MICHAEL CORRY MEMORIAL CONFERENCE
INCLUDES THE LAUNCH OF THE 'IRISH FORUM/MOVEMENT
FOR CRITICAL VOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH'
Programme and Registration Details

A Two-Day Conference* organised by the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery and the School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork

Date: 10 and 11 November 2010

Time: Registration: 9.00 – 10.00 Programme: 10.00 – 17.00 (each day)

Venue: Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland.

This **free** two-day conference is dedicated to the life and work of consultant psychiatrist, Dr Michael Corry. Michael was a key note speaker at last year's conference. Sadly, he died earlier this year after a short illness. Michael was a fearless campaigner for the rights of mental health service users and all those experiencing psychological distress. He was an opponent of bio-psychiatry and its reliance on psycho-pharmacology, an implacable campaigner for the abolition of ECT as a so-called 'therapy' and a compassionate healer appreciated by thousands of patients.

The conference aims to provide a forum for people from diverse backgrounds to present, discuss and debate critical perspectives on and beyond recovery. The conference will also provide a space for interested parties to meet and debate, with a view to establish an Irish forum/movement for critical voices in mental health. This forum/movement is intended to be a coalition of service users, carers, professionals, academics and interested others who want a mental health system which is not based on the traditional bio-medical model.

Programme Details:

Keynote Speakers (in alphabetical order):

- **Pat Bracken** (consultant psychiatrist, and a well known critic of the traditional bio-medical model), **Ivor Browne** (retired psychiatrist and Professor Emeritus, University College, Dublin), **Grainne Humphrys** (mental health campaigner), **John McCarthy and Donna English** (founder of Mad Pride Ireland/artist), **Aine Tubridy** (psychotherapist and partner of the late Dr Michael Corry will present the opening keynote address), **Erica van den Akker and Suzanne Engelen** (Dutch psychiatric social worker and Hearing Voices Movement member/behavioural scientist and voice hearer).

Confirmed Workshop Presenters to date (in alphabetical order):

- Anne Buckley, Joan Hamilton, Agnes Higgins, Harry Gijbels, Richard Lakeman, Liam MacGabhann and Paddy McGowan, Mary Maddock, Shane Maher, Darach Murphy, Kevin O'Shanahan, Noel Palmer, Jackie Proctor, Doug Ross, Lydia Sapouna, Erica van den Akker and Suzanne Engelen, Greg White

Registration details:

Registration by emailing h.gijbels@ucc.ie Please make sure you give **your name, and indicate the day(s) you wish to attend (either Wednesday 10 November, Thursday 11 November, or both days).**

Please check <http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/NewsEvents/> towards the end of October for further programme details.

Please check <http://www.ucc.ie/academic/govern/publin/Hotels.html> for accommodation.

Please note that coffees and lunches are not included. There are restaurants and cafes in and around the conference venue.

**The organisers wish to thank Mad Pride Ireland and the Irish Institute of Mental Health Nursing for sponsoring this conference.*