CHALLENGING MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM ‘INSIDE OUT AND OUTSIDE IN’ - WEDNESDAY 13 NOV 2019

08.00–10.00 Registration (in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex foyer/atrium)

10.00-10.45 Concurrent Sessions A
1. BHSC G04 (120) Mental Health in a Time of Environmental Crises. Liam Quaid, Clinical Psychologist, North Cork Adult Mental Health Services; Green Party Councillor, East Cork.
2. BHSC G06 (120) ‘You can’t get back into the Closet’: Critical Reflections on Service User Involvement in Research and Development. Dr Dina Poursanidou, Independent Service User Researcher, UK & Ann-Mari Lofthus, Associated Professor, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway.
3. BHSC 1.01 (70) Drawing on Your Inner Selves. Stanley Notte, Entrepreneur, Mental Health Advocate, Creative, Writer, Poet, Performer.
4. BHSC 1.04 (20) Increasing Mental Fitness – Intervention Design and Positive Mental Health Education for Higher Education Students. Niamh O’Brien (PhD candidate) & Dr Wesley O’Brien, University College Cork.
5. BHSC 1.21 (70) Mental Health Reform’s National Consultation My Voice Matters: Key Findings on People’s Experiences of the Mental Health Services in Ireland. Kate Mitchell, Senior Policy and Research Officer & Dr Pádraig Ó Féich, Research Officer, Mental Health Reform.
6. BHSC 1.22 (70) ‘Am I a case or a person?’: Making Sense of Mental Health through Open Dialogue. Niamh Doyle, Clinical Psychologist; Isseult Twamley, Senior Clinical Psychologist and Open Dialogue Clinical Lead, Cork/Kerry MHS.


11.15-11.30 BHSC G01 Welcome. Lydia Sapouna and Harry Gijbels
Chairperson for the day: Lydia Sapouna

11.30-12.15 Keynote Presentation 1
BHSC G01 (250) For the Past 40 Years, We’ve Organized Our Psychiatric Care around a False Narrative of Science. How Do We Create a New Paradigm? Robert Whitaker, author of Anatomy of an Epidemic and publisher of Mad in America webzine, USA.

12.15-13.00 Keynote Presentation 2
BHSC G01 (250) Learning from and through survivor activism. Anne O’Donnell, community educator/activist, Edinburgh, UK.

11.15 -13.00 Live Streaming of BHSC G01 (250) events to BHSC G04 (120) and BHSC G06 (120)

13.00-14.00 Lunch. Cafes and restaurants are in close proximity to the conference venue

14.00-14.45 Concurrent Sessions B
1. BHSC G05 (120) Allow us to Grow - starting an Allotment Revolution. Sarah O’Callaghan, Joey Harding, Malcolm Garland, Kilbarrack East Mental Health Services, Dublin North.
2. BHSC G09 (120) Attending to the Mental Health Aspects of Obesity/Binge Eating. Tom Conlon, Programme Director; Dr Noreen Kelly, Clinical Director; Fiona Crowe, Psychotherapist; Barry Vaughan, Participant Advocate, all with Tri-Factor Health, Cork.
3. BHSC G06 (120) Dublin North, North East Recovery College: A Community Response to Co-optation of Recovery Education. Liam McGabhann, community activist, mental health practitioner and associate professor in mental health practice at the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy & Community Health, Dublin City University, Ireland; Martha Griffin, Expert by Experience, Dublin City University and Peer Educator, Dublin North, North East Recovery College, Dublin, Ireland.
4. BHSC 1.21 (70) Imagine No Psychiatry, Imagine All the People Finding Out the Truth. Mary Maddock, Mind Freedom Ireland, Cork.
5. BHSC 1.22 (70) Creating Common Ground: Developing and Sustaining a Culture of Service User and Carer Involvement in the Training of Health Care Professionals. Philip Moore & Chris McCusker, Senior Lecturers in Clinical Psychology, School of Applied Psychology, UCC.
6. BHSC 3.01 (40) Anxiety - A gift that keeps on giving! Ken Nagle, survivor and psychotherapist.

15.00-15.15 Welcome Back. BHSC G01 Lydia Sapouna.

15.15-16.00 Keynote Presentation 3
BHSC G01 (250) Gateway to Community? The Opportunities and Challenges of Peer provided Initiatives, Reflections from the Gateway Mental Health Project. Fionn Fitzpatrick, community development worker/activist, Dublin.

15.00-16.00 Live Streaming of BHSC G01 (250) presentation to G05 (120) and BHSC G10 (150)

16.15-17.00 Concurrent Sessions C

1. BHSC G01 (250) Living a Life of Choice: Experiences of Coming off Psychotropic Medication. Mike Watts, ex-service user, involved in mental health research, writing & teaching, Ireland.

2. BHSC G06 (120) Beyond Mental Health: how can our Expertise as Critical Mental Health Activists help tackle today’s Political Crises? Caroline Von Taysen, clinical psychologist, trainer, Hearing Voices Network, Berlin, Germany.


4. BHSC 1.01 (70) Inside Out: Taking Dialogue into the Outdoors. Isseult Twamley, Senior Clinical Psychologist and Open Dialogue Clinical Lead, Cork/Kerry Mental Health Services; Leeanne O Donnell, multi-media producer and psychotherapist; Dan Hartnett, Clinical Psychologist, Cork Mental Health Services.

5. BHSC 1.22 (70) Embedding Critical Perspectives of Madness within the Curriculum of Health and Social Sciences students: Challenges and Opportunities within the Neoliberal University. Dr Elaine Ballantyne Senior Lecturer/Mad People’s History partner, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh & Eoin Gorman, Lecturer/Programme Director, Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy, University College Cork.


BHSC 1.05 (20) Quiet Room. This room is available from 9.00 – 18.00 for people who seek some quiet time.

17.15-17.45 Book Launch

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Looking forward to seeing some of you tomorrow. Safe journey home.
CHALLENGING MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM ‘INSIDE OUT AND OUTSIDE IN’ - THURSDAY 14 NOV 2019

8.30-10.00 Registration (in Brookfield Health Sciences Complex)

10.00-10.45 Concurrent Sessions D

1. BHSC G01 (250) Suffering is a Path, Not a Pathology. Dr Tony Humphreys, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Author, National and International Speaker.

2. BHSC G05 (120) Truth and reconciliation: a radical approach to challenging mental health systems. Mick McKeown, mental health nurse, researcher and trade unionist, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK & Helen Spandler, Professor of Mental Health Studies, School of Social Work, Care and Community, University of Central Lancashire; Editor of Asylum magazine, UK.

3. BHSC G06 (120) Evaluation of a Crisis Respite in Bochum, Germany – a perspectivist account by a mental health researcher. Sebastian von Peter, Professor of mental health services research, Brandenburg Medical School, Germany.


6. BHSC 2.25 (50) Irish Mental Health Act 2001 - Section 21: An Ethic of Care Reflection on the Principles of Civil Mental Health Legislation. Aidan Cooney, Senior Medical Social Worker, Mental Health & Intellectual Developmental Team, National Forensic Mental Health Services.

7. BHSC 3.01 (40) Treating the Root Cause of Mental Illness with Lifestyle Changes. Greg Xavier, Plant-Based Nutritionist & Mental Health Survivor. Founder of Plant Based Ireland.

11.00-11.15. BHSC G01 Welcome and Welcome Back. Harry Gijbels and Lydia Sapouna.

Chairperson for the day: Harry Gijbels

11.15-12.00 Keynote Presentation 4

BHSC G01 (250) Navigating the Boundaries between Inside and Outside. Alison Faulkner, Independent Survivor Researcher and Trainer, UK.

12.00-12.45 Keynote Presentation 5

BHSC G01 (250) The Power Threat Meaning Framework. John Cromby, Professor of Psychology, University of Leicester, UK.

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13.45-14.00 Welcome Back. BHSC G01 Harry Gijbels.

14.00-14.45 Keynote Presentation 6


13.45-14.45 Live Streaming of BHSC G01 events to BHSC G02 (250)

15.00-15.45 Concurrent Sessions E

1. BHSC G01 (250) Is it Feasible to Change Dominant Mental Health Systems from the Inside? Dr Gary Sidley, writer, trainer & retired clinical psychologist.

2. BHSC G04 (120) ‘An Open Door’ – an Award-winning Short Film exploring 49th Street, Skibbereen’s Pioneering Adult Mental Health Service. Aiose Tutty Jackson, Director, and others involved in the making of the film.

3. BHSC G05 (120) Hope in Mental Health Recovery. Joan Murphy, Nurse Lecturer, Institute of Technology, Tralee.

4. BHSC G06 (120) Place and Race: Sanctuary, Asylum and Community Belonging. John Wainwright, Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work, Care and Community & Mick McKeown, Professor of Democratic Mental Health, School of Nursing, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK.
5 BHSC G10 (150) Restoring Offending Behaviour: a Normal Response to an Overdose of Trauma? Jane Mulcahy, PhD candidate in Law, University College Cork.
6. BHSC 1.01 (70) Social Work Education as a Critical Space. Lydia Sapouna, Lecturer, University College Cork.
8. BHSC 2.25 (50) Hearing Voices Network Ireland (HVNI): Recent Developments and Future Plans. Members of the HVNI Committee.
9. BHSC 3.04 (40) Invoking Article 40 from a Service User perspective (from 'Inside (trying to get Out!') and from a Mental Health Social Work perspective (from 'Outside (trying to get In!)'. Martin Melvin, Science Teacher, Mental Health Services Survivor; Gabrielle Fitzpatrick Mental Health Social Worker, Mental Health Systems Survivor; Sligo, West of Ireland.

11. BHSC 1.22 (70) “Say a Rosary for Psychotherapy” – a Prayer for Relationship in Mental Health. Hugh Morley, Head of Business and Counsellor, Cork Counselling Services CLG.

16.00-16.45 Concurrent Sessions F
1. BHSC G01 (250) Adoption and Redemption: A Documentary. Aidan Conron, film maker, family constellations facilitator, and an adoptee.
2. BHSC G04 (120) Sanism, Racism, Ableism and Ally-ship: Surfing the Chaos of Intersectional Working. Liz Brosnan, long time survivor activist and researcher.
3. BHSC G06 (120) Trapped inside + Getting free - A lived Experience of Eating Disorder Recovery in Ireland. Cora Grant, Masters Public Health, University College Cork; Trainee counsellor & psychotherapist; Mental health advocate.
4. BHSC 1.01 (70) The Secret Insider: A social worker’s lived experiences of both sides of trauma and mental health: the patient and the worker. Lucy Taylor, social worker, mother, feminist and trauma survivor.
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17.00-17.30 Plenary Session
BHSC G01 (250) Reflections on the Conference and the ongoing work of the Critical Voices Network Ireland (CVNI)
The plenary session provides opportunities to integrate the insights and initiatives of the conference and to discuss the on-going work of the CVNI.

BHSC 1.04 (30) Quiet Room. This room is available from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm for people who seek some quiet time.

Keynote presentations, with the respective presenters’ consent, will be available a few weeks after the conference at www.cvni.ie, http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/conferences/ and www.ucc.ie/en/appsoc

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We wish you all a safe journey home and look forward seeing you again next year.