

Research Seminar Programme 2009/2010

Wednesday 10th February 2010
Room 126, Glyndwr Building

1.00pm **CONTROVERSIES IN CONTEMPORARY MENTAL HEALTH**

1.10pm **Dr Liam Clarke**
Reader in Mental Health
University of Brighton

'Educating Tracy: A Psychiatric Solution to 'Nursing Angst'

2.10pm **Break**

2.30pm **Professor Peter Beresford**
Director Centre for Citizen Participation
Brunel University

'Models of mental health: from the regressive to the progressive'

3.30pm **Discussions**

Presentation 1: Dr Liam Clarke - 'Educating Tracy: A Psychiatric Solution to 'Nursing Angst'

This presentation focuses on the provision of training/education for psychiatric nurses but with implications for all who drink from the well of academia. The paper takes the clinical view that some of these provisions are so seriously wanting as to warrant the appellation 'Chronic Resistant Atypical Pedagogic Syndrome', the various features of which are examined in turn: folie a deax, the penchant for form over content, delusions of grandeur, and lastly, possible treatments. Obviously the paper is exploratory in its (psychological) approach [it leaves to wiser, sociological, heads, broader questions of politics, access, demand and so on] and so is anxious to position itself within contexts of discussion and debate: the writer is even willing to concede that a smidgen of paranoia informs some of his contentions. But then: Nobody's Perfect.

Presentation 2: Professor Peter Beresford – 'Models of mental health: from the regressive to the progressive'

In his presentation on Controversies in Contemporary Mental Health, speaking from a service user/survivor perspective Peter Beresford will explore three inter-related issues which he feels are key priorities for current understanding: the modelling of mental health issues, the stigma associated with mental health service users and the association of mad with bad.



BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Liam Clarke

Dr Liam Clarke is Reader in Mental Health at the University of Brighton. He has written widely across a range of issues linked to mental illness such as ethnicity, ethics, gender, history and education.

Professor Peter Beresford

Professor Peter Beresford OBE is a long term user of mental health services and also Chair of Shaping Our Lives, the national independent service user controlled organisation and network. He has a longstanding involvement in issues of participation and empowerment as writer, researcher, educator, service user and campaigner. He is Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Centre for Citizen Participation at Brunel University, He is a member of the Department of Health Transformation of Adult Social Care Programme Board and the Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy Board. He is a Trustee of the National Skills Academy for Social Care, member of the Advisory Board of the National Institute for Health Research and a member of the Advisory Group of Involve, the body set up to advise government on public and user involvement in health, public health and social care research

