



Mad Studies Group Agenda

With Lived Experience Practitioner Focus

Thursday 7 February 2019, 5pm – 6.30pm

@ 52 Pritchatts Road, University of Birmingham – Room TBC

Introductions:

Papers for Consideration:

The group previously discussed Professor Peter Beresford's recent work which highlights the greater difficulty that grassroots, service user led initiatives face in gaining funding when compared to larger Mental Health organisations or charities. The group was interested in this area and also what could be done for lobbying in this area. Thank you to group member **Garry Edgington** who has forwarded the following recent online article which we will consider –either a volunteer on the day or the facilitator will give the group a synopsis of this paper so that everyone in the group can join in the discussion:

User-led sector 'faces threat of extinction' – John Pring (Disability News Service):

<https://www.disabilitynewsservice.com/user-led-sector-faces-threat-of-extinction/>

Last meeting we discussed some of the history of the 'Mad Studies' movement. Dr Neil Gordon has Tweeted a recommendation to the group – a book published a few weeks ago by Mohammed Abouelleil Rashed on the history of Mental Health Activism. We will consider the introduction, which is freely available online, with the option to continue considering further chapters in future meetings. Thank you to group member **Barbara Norden** who has offered to provide a synopsis for the group:

Madness and the Demand for Recognition – Mohammed Abouelleil Rashed (Introduction):

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/322641352_Madness_the_Demand_for_Recognition_A_Philosophical_Inquiry_into_Identity_Mental_Health_Activism

Mad Studies on *Pink Sky Thinking* Blog: www.pinkskythinking.com/blog

Mad Studies on *Pink Sky Thinking* YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/Kj5dco4RUkw>



Next Meeting: Thursday 11 April – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE AMENDED DATE – THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH DUE TO FACILITATOR AVAILABILITY, 5pm – 6.30pm @ 52 Pritchatts Road, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2SA – check website for confirmation of room details

Papers for consideration:

Both suggestions to be agreed within group:

Article on current issues: TBC

Mad Studies history: Madness and the Demand for Recognition – Mohammed Abouelleil Rashed (Chapter 1)

Reflections from attendees:

There is no obligation to offer reflections or feedback, however some people find it helps to embed their learning during the group, or want to give a response to their experience.

Thoughts on the papers can include how you felt when reading the paper, what you thought of the content, whether you agree or disagree. Reflections are also particularly encouraged that share how you think this knowledge will impact on the way you work as a Lived Experience Practitioner, or how you support Lived Experience Practitioners within your workplace.

Your reflections on being in the group and the impact of being with other people who work in or are interested in this area are also very welcome.

Attendees who want to do this can do so via the following ways:

Mad Studies Vlog: Attendees can give feedback via video for the Mad Studies Vlog which is hosted on the Pink Sky Thinking YouTube channel

Mad Studies Blog: Attendees can also submit writing to be included in the blog or guest blogs on their reflections to be posted on the Pink Sky Thinking 'Mad Studies' blog.

Meeting Notes: Written feedback (i.e. reflections on the papers) can be provided to be included in the meeting notes.