



Mad Studies Group Notes

Thursday 4 March 2019, 5pm – 6.30pm

@ Room 412, 52 Pritchatts Road, University of Birmingham

Attendees: 10

Papers Considered:

During the last group there was interest of the issues being faced by the loss of funding for grassroots, service user led initiatives and the potential for lobbying in this area. Thank you to group member **Garry Edgington** who suggested the recent online article we considered and provided a synopsis of this paper:

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

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

During the previous meeting we discussed some of the history of the ‘Mad Studies’ movement. **Dr Neil Gordon** Tweeted a recommendation to the group – ‘Madness and the Demand for Recognition’ published recently by **Mohammed Abouelleil Rashed** on the history of Mental Health Activism. We considered the introduction and have decided to continue considering further chapters in future meetings. Thank you to group member **David Gibbs** who 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

Group member Barbara Norden kindly provided a synopsis she had written based on the previous week’s reading ‘**Public Participation in Health and Social Care: Exploring the Co-production of Knowledge**’ by **Professor Peter Beresford**. You can read this here:



Mad Studies Blog: www.pinkskythinking.com/blog

PST YouTube Vlog: <https://youtu.be/Kj5dco4RUkw>

Next Meeting: Thursday 11 April, 5pm – 6.30pm @ 52 Pritchatts Road, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2SA – check website for confirmation of room details

Papers for consideration:

A Call For Social Justice: Changes to policy and practice that will improve the lives and mental wellbeing of mental health service users from Black and Minority Ethnic communities – Manifesto by Kindred Spirit: <https://www.nsun.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=e4a17b4c-04bb-49c0-9493-68fe2e188725>

Madness and the Demand for Recognition – Mohammed Abouelleil Rashed (Chapter 1, pages 3-17): Please contact tamar@pinkskythinking.com if you need to find out where you can access this reading material.

Notes & reflections from attendees:

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Garry Edgington: To be added to the website

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

David Gibbs: To be added to the website