

The BSA Sociology of Mental Health Study Group

is holding a Study Day on Tuesday 7th June 2011

on

Mental Health and Domestic Violence

**A Difficult Alliance? Making Connections between Mental Health
and Domestic Violence Research and Practice Agendas**

Edge Hill University, St Helens Road Ormskirk Lancashire

The event aims to:

- provide a space for discussion, debate and comparison of sociological research in the areas of domestic/interpersonal violence and mental health;
- explore the relationship between research, policy and practice in the two areas and how sociological work on domestic/interpersonal violence needs to inform mental health policy and practice; and
- bring together mental health researchers, practitioners and service providers, along with mental health service users and survivors, and domestic violence survivors and organisations supporting them, in order to share knowledge, ideas and information.

Plenary speakers:

- Professor Liz Kelly CBE, whose publications include *Surviving Sexual Violence* (1989, University of Minnesota Press).
- Professor Linda McKie, author of *Families, Violence and Social Change* (2005, OU Press).
- Jackie Patiniotis who has undertaken innovative development work with *The Joint Forum Women's Group* in Liverpool.
- Dr Catherine Donovan, University of Sunderland, who conducted (with Professor Marianne Hester) an ESRC funded study into love and violence in same sex and heterosexual relationships in the UK.

Plenary presentations will be combined with workshops on 'making connections' and 'identifying research, practice and policy agendas'.

Registration fees: BSA members £10; non BSA members £15. A limited number of funded places are available for those without institutional support to attend.

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