

**British Sociological Association
Sociology of Mental Health Study Group symposium**



**Social Movements and Sociological Knowledge on Mental Health:
Where are we now?**

**Friday 13th June 10 a.m. – 5p.m.
University of Wolverhampton, City campus**

Programme

10.00-10.30: Registrations; opportunity to view a poster display about the work of the SUCCESS Group of service users and carers in relation to teaching and learning in health and social care at the University of Wolverhampton

10.30-10.45: Introduction to the Study Group – Lydia Lewis
Introduction to the day – Dina Poursanidou

10.45-12.05: Session 1: The contribution of the survivor movement to sociological knowledge on mental health and ways forward for the movement

Origins of self advocacy discourse - Janet Wallcraft, Centre for Developmental and Applied Research in Education, University of Wolverhampton

The potential of autoethnography for generating user/survivor knowledge - Sarah Carr, Sarah Carr and Associates Ltd, Universities of Birmingham and York and Co-Vice Chair of the National Survivor User Network (NSUN)

Learning from Feminism: Epistemology, Power and Activism - Diana Rose, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London

Mind Freedom International – film clip

Chair: Patsy Staddon

12.05-12.20 - Break

12.20-1.30: Session 2: The women's movement and sociological knowledge on mental health

Experiencing mental health services - Donna Adams, Wolverhampton Women's Wellbeing Centre

Is the personal (bio)political in the digital age?: Feminism, depression and the troubling of neuro selfhood - Simone Fullagar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Bath

Commentary on identities and ideologies in the women's and mental health service user/survivor movements – Lydia Lewis, Centre for Developmental and Applied Research in Education, University of Wolverhampton

Chair: Angela Cotton, Salford University

1.35-2.10 Lunch

2.10-3.10 Session 3: The trade union movement and sociological knowledge on mental health

Solidarity between survivor and trade union activists: organising for democratic alliances - Mick McKeown, School of Health, University of Central Lancashire

Community and union, bridges towards a holistic approach in service delivery - Matthew Danaher, Unison

Chair: Dina Poursanidou

3.10-3.30 – Break

3.30-4.30: Social Models

Women, alcohol, mental health: how a politics of oppression has been instrumental in shaping our lives – Patsy Staddon, Women's Independent Alcohol Support and University of Plymouth

Madness and the sociology of disablement: tensions and possibilities - Helen Spandler, School of Social Work, University of Central Lancashire

Chair: Lydia Lewis

4.30-5pm: Overview, synthesis, general discussion and close.

Chair: Dina Poursanidou