

**CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LEARNING FROM
MAD KNOWLEDGE - WEDNESDAY 15 NOV
2023**

**08.30–10.00 Registration (in Brookfield Health
Sciences Complex foyer/atrium)**

10.00-10.45 Concurrent Sessions A

1. BHSC G04 (120) Peer Support Re-visited.

Alison Faulkner and Karen Machin, Survivor Researchers, England.

2. BHSC G05 (120) Deconstructing personal recovery to seek transformative meaning to the concept within Irish mental health services: an Irish case study told through the lens of social constructionism.

Calvin Swords, PhD, Assistant Professor in Social Work, Maynooth University, Ireland.

3. BHSC G06 (120) Finding/Making Spaces for Madness in Counselling Education.

Fiona Stirling, practicing therapist and lecturer in counselling at Abertay University, Scotland.

4. BHSC 3.01 (40) Maddening scientists: what is Mad Studies achieving for students at Queen Margaret University?

Lewis Reay, Carmel Schmid, Robin Lewis, Experts by Experience, Edinburgh, Scotland.

5. BHSC 3.02 (40) Promoting a political model of mental health: Working with people experiencing homelessness in the context of a mobile mental health team.

Eleni Alevanti,

mental health care worker, researcher and ally, Brussels, Belgium.

6. BHSC 3.04 (30) Mad knowledge Constellation: Learning through a systemic view.

Cassandra Barkman, Expert by Experience, Tiel, The Netherlands.

11.00-11.15 BHSC G02 Welcome. Lydia Sapouna and Harry Gijbels.

11.15-12.00 Keynote Presentation 1

BHSC G02 (250) 'Getting in there': Implications of disability discrimination for nurturing Mad knowledge.

Sarah Carr, Independent Mental Health and Social Care Knowledge Consultant, Survivor Researcher and ex-Academic, England; Tina Coldham, Mental Health User Consultant, Trainer & Researcher, England.

12.00-12.45 Keynote Presentation 2

BHSC G02 (250) Learning from Madness: Critical Reflections on Education and Activism.

Lydia Sapouna, Lecturer, School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork, co-founder of the Critical Voices Network, Ireland.

11.00 -13.00 Live Streaming of BHSC G02 (250) events to BHSC G04 (120)

12.45-13.15 Short Break

13.15-14.00 Concurrent Sessions B

1. BHSC G02 (250) Untouchable: Psychiatric Paradigms and the Stigma of Mental Illness?

Sarah Labovitch, Peer Support Worker and Service-User Lead for R&D, West London NHS Trust, England.

2. BHSC G04 (120) Hearing Voices Network Ireland (HVNI) AGM 2023 and update on activities.

HVNI Board members.

3. BHSC G05 (120) Mad Resistance Against Eating Ordered Violence.

Nicole Schott, Banting Post-Doctoral Fellow at Memorial University, Canada, mad activist scholar and community organizer of resistance against systemic eating orders; Bren LeFrançois, University Research Professor at Memorial University, Canada, mad activist scholar and co-editor of the volume *Mad Matters*.

4. BHSC G06 (120) Trapped under a Badge.

Mrs Pauline Alexander, Expert by Experience/Trainee Activist, Coventry, England.

5. BHSC 1.01 (40) The influence of lived experience voices in the policy and decision-making processes: Successes and Challenges.

Nicola Byrne, Shine CEO, Ireland; Anne Teresa Doran, Expert by experience, advocate and activist, Ireland.

6. BHSC 3.04 (40) Intuition as Mad Knowledge.

Michaela McDaid, ecotherapy facilitator, peer support worker, writer and expert by experience, Inishowen, Co Donegal.

14.00-15.15 *Lunch. Various cafes and restaurants in and near the conference venue.*

15.30-15.45 **BHSC G02** *Welcome back.* Lydia Sapouna and Harry Gijbels.

15.45-16.30 *Keynote Presentation 3*

BHSC G02 (250) *Hearing Voices Movement as an activist learning community: questions, dreams, limits and contradictions.* Marina Lykovounioti, Hearing Voices Athens, Greece; Lykourgos Karatzaferis, Psychiatrist, co-founder of the Hearing Voices Network Athens.

15.30 -16.30 **Live Streaming of BHSC G02 (250) events to BHSC G10 (150)**

09.00-16.00 **BHSC 2.43(30)** Quiet room for people who seek some quiet time.

DISCOMFORT: A Solo Exhibition by Cork Artist Michelle Dalton

Opening reception from 18.00 to 20.00 on 15 November with Lydia Sapouna launching the exhibition.

Venue: St. Peters Church, North Main Street, Cork.

Exhibition runs from 15-20 November 2023
Funded by the Arts Council Ireland through the Agility award 2022.

A framed print of one of Michelle's works will be raffled at the Conference.

Artist website:

<https://www.michelledaltonart.com/artworks/>

A percentage of the exhibition profits will go towards The Hearing Voices Network Ireland
<https://hearingvoicesnetworkireland.ie/>

Conference Donations

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Safe journey home and looking forward to seeing some of you again tomorrow.

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**8.30-10.00 Registration (in Brookfield Health
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10.00-10.45 Concurrent Sessions C

**1. BHSC G10 (150) Illuminating the dynamics
of epistemic injustice of the mad on an acute
inpatient psychiatric ward.** Andrew Grundy,
Lived Experience Researcher, University of
Manchester/UCL, England.

**2. BHSC 1.21 (70) MadZine pedagogy: Zines
and what it means to learn from Mad
knowledge.** Jill Anderson, researcher, educator,
activist, member of Critical and Creative
Approaches to Mental Health Practice
(CCrAMHP), Lancaster, England.

**3. BHSC 3.01 (40) The Power of the Mutuality
of our Madness - Transforming systems and
relationships through the lens of Intentional
Peer Support.** Chris Hansen, Co-Director,
Intentional Peer Support, based in Vermont,
USA; Liz Brosnan, activist, academic and
survivor researcher, Galway, Ireland.

**4. BHSC 3.04 (40) Lost voices – Our Lady’s,
from Our Window.** Deirdre Lillis, advocacy
consultant with SHEP Advocacy Programme,
Cork; Avril Scannell, Service User and Peer
Advocate, Cork; Harry Gijbels, CVNI, HVNI and
MII active member, Cork, Ireland.

**11.00-11.15 BHSC G10 Welcome and Welcome
Back.** Harry Gijbels and Lydia Sapouna.

11.15-12.00 Keynote Presentation 4

**BHSC G10 (150) Knowing My Mad
Knowledge.** Owen Ó Tuama, Voice-hearer,
Psych-Survivor, Peer Specialist, Gardener,
Musician, Barman, Amateur Natural Historian,
NW Ireland, Borderlands.

**11.00-12.00 Live Streaming of BHSC G10 (150)
events to BHSC G06 (120)**

12.15-13.00 Concurrent Sessions D

1. BHSC G05 (120) Mad Voices & Reform. Ber
Grogan, Policy & Research Manager with
Mental Health Reform; professional, advocate
and ally, with own lived experience; Dublin,
Ireland.

**2. BHSC G06 (120) A Peer-Led Response to the
C-19 pandemic.** The Gateway Mental Health
Project, Dublin, Ireland.

3. BHSC G10 (150) The Wisdom of Madness. Jo
McHugh, Trauma Therapist & Thrive-Survivor -
Educator on aftermath of child abuse
revelations in families, London, England.

**4. BHSC 1.21 (70) Working with voices and
other unusual experiences using the Narrative
Genogram.** Marina Lykovounioti, activist,
Athens, Greece & Lykourgos Karatzaferis,
psychiatrist, Athens, Greece.

**5. BHSC 3.01 (40) Safety, interpersonal
neurobiology and crime: listening to the lived
experiences of prisoners.** Jane Mulcahy, PhD
Research Fellow Research Evidence into Policy
Programmes and Practice (REPPP) University of
Limerick.

**6. BHSC 3.04 (40) Contagious Dance from
Madness to Medicine.** Peter Walsh,
psychotherapist and anthropologist, Cork

**13.00-14.00 Lunch. Various cafes and
restaurants in and near the conference venue.**

14.00 Welcome Back. BHSC G10 Harry Gijbels
and Lydia Sapouna.

14.15-15.00 Keynote Presentation 5

**BHSC G10 (150) Experiential Wisdom: A curse
or a commodity?** Lisa Archibald, Co-Director/
Training Coordinator, Intentional Peer Support
and Mad Studies Student, Scotland.

**14.00-15.00 Live Streaming of BHSC G10
events to BHSC G01 (250)**

15.15-16.00 Concurrent Sessions E

**1. BHSC G05 (120) From Birth to Death? Gen Z,
psychiatric hegemony, and an emerging
resistance.** Joseph Sexton, Keegan Traveling
Fellow at Vanderbilt University. Gen Z mental

health activist, lived experience researcher, writer, based in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

2. BHSC G10 (150) *Kyrie Farm: Cultivating a new vision for mental health.* Agnes Higgins, Prof of MH Nursing, TCD, Board Member Kyrie Farm; Ciara Glynn, peer support worker, HSE Adult Mental Health, guest lecturer in DCU, UCD & TCD & recovery educator; Dr Eoin Galavan, psychologist, HSE Adult Mental Health service, Board Member Kyrie Farm; John McKeon, Social Entrepreneur, founder and CEO of Kyrie Farm, Ireland.

3. BHSC 1.21 (70) *Madly in Love: How Love is Imperative for Social Transformation in The Mad Community.* Sarah Jane, MEd, MA, PhD candidate. Mad scholar, activist, and coach. Founder and Director of The Healing Collective Foundation (US), and Madly In Love: *a grassroots social justice movement.*
madlyinloveletters.org/
thehealingcollective.love

4. BHSC 3.02 (40) *Why Class Voices Matter: The role of social class habitus on the lived experience of mental health.* Rachel Brown, PhD Candidate, Maynooth University, Ireland.

5. BHSC 3.04 (40) <https://madinireland.com/> One Year On. MII Team members.

16.15-17.30 *Plenary Session*

BHSC G05 (120) *Reflections on the Conference and the ongoing work of the Critical Voices Network Ireland (CVNI)*

The plenary session provides opportunities to integrate the insights and initiatives of the conference and to discuss the on-going work of the CVNI.

BHSC 242 (30) *Quiet Room.* This room is available from 12.00 noon to 17.00pm for people who seek some quiet time.

Recordings of the keynote presentations, with the respective presenters' consent, will be available a few weeks after the conference at www.cvni.ie, <http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/conferences/> and www.ucc.ie/en/appsoc

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