



RECOVERY BASED WORKING WITH VOICE HEARERS *Principles, Interviewing and Coping Strategies*

Date	Friday 9 th May 2008
Venue	Birmingham City University Faculty of Health Edgbaston Campus
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Cost	Free

THE CONFERENCE

The event is being organised by Jim Chapman (Senior Lecturer, Clinical Skills Division) and Professor Mervyn Morris (Director, Centre for Community Mental Health) and has been split into two sessions.

MORNING SESSION – invitation only

Audience Current students of the Recovery-Based Working with Voice Hearers module, taken as part of their Mental Health Studies degree.

The Recovery-based Working with Voice Hearers module is based on the pioneering work of Marius Romme and Sandra Escher, who have championed a recovery model for the way we care for people who experience auditory hallucinations.

Evidence shows that there are many and complex reasons why people have difficulty embedding new skills into practice, and we want to explore this phenomenon in more depth. As the first education institute to create the Voice Hearers module we are keen to continue to develop and enhance this training further, particularly addressing problems of implementation.

These students have been invited to participate in small focus group discussions. The purpose of the focus groups is to establish the strengths and weaknesses of the approach in practice, and the opportunities and barriers that they have faced in being able to implement the work of Romme and Escher into their workplace.

AFTERNOON SESSION – open session

Audience Anyone that may be interested in the subject of hearing voices

The afternoon session will be opened up to a wider audience to enjoy a series of presentations, including a keynote presentation from Marius Romme and Sandra Escher, and an opportunity to discuss the concept of hearing voices in more depth.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Contact Dawn McCarrick for further information and to book your space.

Programme

09.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome Mervyn Morris
10.05 – 10.25	Where are we now and why is this research necessary? Jim Chapman
10.25 – 10.30	Focus Group outline Jim Chapman & Mervyn Morris
10.30 – 12.30	Focus Group sessions
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 13.40	Welcome Ian Blair, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health
13.40 – 14.00	Evidence-based practice and practice-based evidence Mervyn Morris
14.00 – 15.00	Voice Hearer's stories; narratives of recovery Marius Romme & Sandra Escher
15.00 – 15.25	Refreshment Break
15.25 – 15.50	Open discussion Jim Chapman, Sandra Escher, Mervyn Morris & Marius Romme
15.50 – 16.00	Training opportunities Jim Chapman
16.00	Close