

UNIVERSITY HOSTS PUBLIC LECTURE

Health and education professionals, as well as members of the general public are being invited to attend a seminar organised by the UCE Birmingham to discuss the often controversial and emotive question of taking prescribed psychiatric medication.

Titled: 'What Doctors May Not Tell You About Psychiatric Drugs', the lecture is being delivered by Dr Grace Jackson from the USA and will take place at UCE Birmingham Westbourne Road campus in Edgbaston on 9th June.

Dr Jackson's presentation aims to raise awareness of the short and long term effects of common psychiatric drugs when used with children and adults. She will directly address concerns about the safety of these medications, by providing an understanding of how the brain works, and how it responds and adapts to drug treatment.

'What Doctors May Not Tell You About Psychiatric Drugs' is an important question for both professionals and healthcare staff. It is a very contentious area of medical practice, with divided views about what facts are known about the wanted and unwanted effects of drugs, and what information should be given in the best interests of people who may benefit from taking medication.

The presentation will provide a rare opportunity to listen to an expert who is specialised in understanding more about what remains a complex and difficult area of science, as well as a deeply significant issue for many people whose lives are influenced by these drugs. It

will be of interest to people who take medication, as well as family, friends or health, social or education professionals. There will be an opportunity to ask Dr Jackson questions, following the lecture.