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UCE BIRMINGHAM BROADENS HORIZONS IN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

The Centre for Community Mental Health at UCE Birmingham is hosting a conference on Friday February 2nd that will bring together ideas and expertise from mental health service users, practitioners and researchers from across Europe.

The one-day conference, being held at the University's Westbourne Campus in Edgbaston, Birmingham, will see representatives from five partner countries gather to share ideas, experience and innovation in a bid to facilitate communication and ultimately improve service levels of mental health service provision across Europe.

The conference is part of an EU project 'Experienced Involvement', which collaborates with people who use services to create work opportunities and develop new ways of providing services. The focus is on inclusive approaches, breaking down barriers between service users, families and friends, carers and professionals.

An opening address will be made by Benedetto Saraceno, Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Misuse from the World Health Organisation, followed by presentations and workshops led by experts in the field including Thomas Bock MD, Dr Harrie V Haaster and Laila Gentzel.

Issues explored will cover current EU projects that are putting ideas into action: including user based research; user involvement in education; training with voice hearers; empowerment and advocacy; and users as service providers.

Spaces on the conference are still available, priced from £10 per person. For further information, please contact Dawn McCarrick on 0121 331 7168, or email dawn.mccarrick@uce.ac.uk

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