PROMISE CONFERENCE 2012: 
TRAINING PROFESSIONALS IN MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION

THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 2012
9:00 am to 5:30pm
Registration from 8:30am

Middlesex University
College Building, CG77

This event is free to attend, but participants must register in advance.

Closing date for registration is 15th August

Conference highlights:
• Keynote address by Dr Lynne Friedli
• Workshops run by practitioners in mental health promotion
• Expert speakers and delegates from across Europe

Booking enquiries
For booking and further information about the event please contact:
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Keynote speakers
• Dr Lynne Friedli, author of the World Health Organisation’s report “Mental Health, Resilience, and Inequalities”
• Ms Barbara Battel-Kirk, Consultant / Dept of Health Promotion, National University of Ireland
• Prof Peter Ryan - Professor of Mental Health at Middlesex University
• Professor Czeslaw Czabala, Professor of Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology

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Conference aims
The aim of the conference is to present state of the art research and best practice in mental health promotion and mental illness prevention training for professionals. The conference will be a platform for the launch of newly developed mental health promotion training and also training guidelines in respect to prevention of suicide, depression, and alcohol and drug abuse. It will also launch guidelines for mental health service users and media involvement in such training packages. These guidelines will be described “in action” by presenting applications of the guidelines to specific professional groups.

Who should attend
The event is suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students, experts, academics, HR managers as well as professionals working in mental health organisations, including private and third sector, who work alongside the public sector to deliver mental health services.

Conference information
By considering ways to intervene with the best practice in mental health promotion and mental illness prevention, we will bring together the latest research, practice and policy relating to mental health promotion. Topics will explore the connection between the mental health service user and media involvement within the newly developed training packages and identify challenges, trends and future directions in tackling different issues within the mental health arena.

Speakers profile
Dr Lynne Friedli works across Europe on the development of public mental health, as well as delivering training and policy advice within the UK. She has a special interest in the contribution mental health and wellbeing can make to social justice and sits on the advisory committee of the Chicago Mental Health Impact Assessment programme. Her report for WHO Europe on Mental Health, Resilience and Inequality was published in 2010.

Ms Barbara Battel-Kirk is a specialist in research, consultancy and project management on health promotion and multidisciplinary public health. She completed work for the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE): “Scoping Study on Health Promotion Workforce Capacity” and for the Education and Executive Agency for Health and Consumers: “The CompHP Core Competencies Framework for Health Promotion.”

Professor Peter Ryan is a Professor of Mental Health at Middlesex University. He is a Co-editor of the Journal of Education, Training and Practice, and a consultant for WHO Europe, where he is on a WHO/EU task group on service user empowerment. He has recently published ‘Empowerment, Lifelong Learning and Recovery in Mental Health: Towards a New Paradigm’ (Edited by Ryan P, Greacen T and Ramon S (2012), Palgrave).

Professor Czeslaw Czabala is a Professor of Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology in Warsaw and Deputy Director for Research of the Institute. He is the Principal Investigator of the EU FP6 and FP5 funded projects and mental health evaluation of the children and adolescents in selected populations and a member of the WHO Task Force on Mental Health Assessment.

Dr Tim Greacen, PhD in Psychology, is Director of the Maison Blanche Research Laboratory, currently managing projects on dual diagnosis patient pathways through care, access to lifelong learning for people with mental health problems, the promotion of mental health in children and attitudes and beliefs about mental illness in the general population.

Conference programme
Programme information will be updated regularly on http://www.mdx.ac.uk/aboutus/Schools/hssc/mh-sw/index.aspx and www.promise-mental-health.com

Further information
Refreshments breaks and lunch will be provided and delegates will receive an information pack and an electronic copy of the conference presentations.

Getting to Hendon
Directions to our Hendon Campus can be found on www.mdx.ac.uk/aboutus/Location/hendon/index.aspx

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