

CALL FOR PAPERS & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS



25th Anniversary Intervoice & World Hearing Voices Congress

Working to Recovery, Asylum Associates and Hearing Voices Network Cymru in
conjunction with Intervoice

Presents

The Hearing Voices Network 25 Years On:

Learning from the PAST,

Practicing in the PRESENT,

Visioning the FUTURE

19th, 20th & 21st September 2012 in Cardiff, Wales, UK

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[A] THEMED PARALLEL SESSIONS

We are inviting those interested in presenting papers at themed parallel sessions to apply by sending in an abstract of no more than 200 words before the 20th of May 2012 successful presenters will be informed by the 1st of June 2012.

Please see below, details required for applying to present a paper or workshop.

The themes for the World Congress parallel sessions are:

- 1) Medication
- 2) Spirituality & Different Belief Systems
- 3) Workers Changing Practice
- 4) Young People & Voices
- 5) Peer Support & Self-help
- 6) Using Creativity
- 7) Research
- 8) Recovery Stories, Voice Hearers, Families & Workers

Each parallel session will last a total of 90 minutes. Each presentation will last 20 minutes, with 10 minutes at the end of the parallel session for questions and discussion on all the papers presented.

Each day, there will be 4 Parallel Sessions running alongside each other. Each session will have up to 4 paper presentations.

Details of Parallel Session Themes

1) Medication

This parallel session will concentrate on papers looking at coming off medication successfully, and using medication successfully.

2) Spirituality & Different Belief Systems

This parallel session will concentrate on what spiritual practices and belief systems have been helpful in dealing with voices. Whether it is: religious based; or a very personal spiritual system - from prayer, meditation to mindfulness; or listening to the ancestors.

3) Workers Changing Practice

In this session we are looking to hear from workers who have changed their practice when working with voice hearers and how that has affected peoples' recovery journeys. From introducing voice dialoguing, to relationship building, to open dialogue - what has helped?

4) Young People & Voices

This parallel session will look at the specific needs of young people who hear voices, what helps, what hinders, setting up young peoples' groups, and our future as Intervoice - encouraging young people to be involved, what do we need to do?

5) Peer Support & Self-help

This session will look at the benefits of self-help and peer support in helping people on their journey of recovery. Where are we going with self-help and how can we develop peer support for voice hearers around the world.

6) Using Creativity

What do the "arts" have to offer for voice hearers? Poetry, Drama, Dance, Music, Art?

7) Research

If you are involved in research or have recently finished research or of thinking of running some research this is the session for you. A chance for you to talk about your research project, and present ideas for research for the future, to Eleanor Longden head of our Research Committee.

8) Recovery Stories, Voice Hearers, Families & Workers

This session will build on living with voices and living with voice hearers. If you have an uplifting story of your own recovery as a voice hearer, worker or family member, here is your chance to tell it, what messages do you have for the rest of us, on what has helped; what has hindered in the past; and what lies ahead for your future.

[B] WORKSHOPS

We are also looking for workshops, lasting for 90 minutes.

What are you doing in your workplace?

What skills have you to share?

What have you learnt to pass on to others during your recovery?

Themes can be from the above Parallel Session themes or based on the title of the Congress – Past, Present & The Future

To submit an Abstract for a parallel session or Description of a workshop, please provide details as listed below and email to karen@workingtorecovery.co.uk (Closing Date: 20th May 2012)

Parallel Session & Workshop Application

Please provide us with the following details:

- 1) **Name(s) of Presenters:**
- 2) **Postal Address:**
- 3) **Email Contact:**
- 4) **Telephone Number:**
- 5) **Indicate if presenting a Parallel Session or Workshop:**
- 6) **Paper Abstract/Workshop Description (no more than 200 words):**

Please sent to: karen@workingtorecovery.co.uk

Closing Date: 20th May 2012

Successful Presenters will be informed by email: 1st June 2012