

Border Crossings? Knowledge Production by Survivors of Psychiatry in Self-help and Advocacy, Survivor/User-led Research or Co-produced Research

9 October 2017 – 18:30 to 23.30– free event at the community centre “Haus Eichkamp”, in 5 minutes’ walking distance from the WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry Berlin 2017.

We are delighted to invite activists, advocates, self-help organisers, survivor- or co-production researchers to give input talks, about 5 minutes, preferably in English. Each will be followed by a short discussion.

The WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry, 8 - 12 October 2017 in Berlin, will host a number of critical activists and researchers who are (ex-)users/survivors of psychiatry, some family members as well as allies from various psych’ professions. Outside of the congress building a protest, themed “Fake Science. Real Harm”, will be organised by the Federal Organisation of (ex-)Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Germany (BPE e.V.) and other advocacy groups. A number of participants will take a stand on both sides.

Our event aims at creating opportunities to learn about and discuss current activities with (ex-)users/survivors of psychiatry and some allies from various ‘camps’: individuals who make critical contributions inside or outside of the WPA congress. We are also driven by the desire to include people who don’t attend the WPA congress. All are invited to get to know knowledge producers active in advocacy, self-help, peer-run projects, survivor/user-led research or co-produced research in diverse countries.

The floor is literally yours. We call survivor activists, self-helpers, advocates, survivor researchers as well as co-production researchers to send short proposals for an input that you can shape as you wish. Burning issues, creative strategies, critical engagements, changes in how knowledge/s and discourse/s about mental distress or madness are being produced are welcome. Please feel invited to speak your (heart and) mind, use existing material or pull out what is silenced far too often: come grab the mic or join the discussions.

Outline for the evening:

18:30 – 19:00	Arrival, time for contacts and ‘just chatting’	Sign in for ad-hoc groups
19:00 – 20:00	Knowledge production within user/survivor /peer-led initiatives as well as in groups including other allies	Input speakers (each about 5 minutes + short discussion)
20:00 – 20:30	Break, more time for contacts and chatting	Sign in for ad-hoc groups
20:30 – 21:30	Survivor/user-led research and co-produced research	Input speakers (each about 5 minutes + short discussion)
21:30 -23.30	Meet up with like-minded people in smaller ad-hoc groups	Suggested topics (rooms will be allocated)

Please email proposals/mini-abstracts (3-5 sentences) for your input talk or topics for ad-hoc groups until Friday, 22 September 2017, to Sebastian von Peter svonpeter@googlemail.com on behalf of the organising group. Any questions? - we’re glad to assist with your queries.

Alternatively please **register for attendance until Friday, 6 October 2017**, at svonpeter@googlemail.com as number of places is limited.

We would be extremely grateful for donations on the evening and do particularly address people with wages/relatively comfortable incomes.

Venue: community centre “Haus Eichkamp”, Zikadenweg 42a, 14055 Berlin, <http://hauseichkamp.de/>

We are looking forward to receiving your input proposals, to assisting and to meeting you!

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