THE PEOPLES’ CONFERENCE

EVERYONE IS AT RISK.

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This Second Annual PsychOut Conference is hosted by WE THE PEOPLE in remembrance of Esmin Green who was murdered-by-neglect at Kings County Hospital Center Psychiatric Emergency Room, June 19, 2008.

The purpose of this global conference is to provide a forum for psychiatric survivors, mad people, activists, radical professionals, artists, scholars and students from around the world to come together and share experiences of organizing against psychiatry.

DIRECT ACTION: DEMONSTRATION AND VIGIL
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ESMIN GREEN
Kings County Hospital Center Psychiatric Emergency Room 410 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, NY
JUNE 19, 2011 2 - 10 PM
CONFERENCE JUNE 20 -21, 2011 (9AM-9PM; 9AM- 6PM)
Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY
Sponsored by the PhD Program in Environmental Psychology
at the Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York

DIRECT ACTION
DARBY PENNEY
JAMES B. GOTTSTEIN
ROBERT WHITAKER
CROOKED BEAUTY
THREE YEARS LATER, KINGS COUNTY’S “UNOFFICIAL POSITION”:
WE’VE MOVED ON AND SO SHOULD YOU.
TELL KINGS COUNTY
WE WILL NOT MOVE ON.
WE DEMAND INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL ADVOCACY
THROUGHOUT HHC'S ENTIRE SYSTEM, STARTING AT KINGS COUNTY.
Everyone is at risk.

Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

Day 1 June 20th
9AM       Registration and Networking
10AM      Conference Welcome/Opening Remarks
10:15 AM  Keynote: Darby Penney (confirmed)
11AM      Break
11:15AM   Workshop Session 1
12:45PM   Lunch (On you own)
2:00PM    Workshop Session 2
3:30PM    Workshop Session 3
5:00PM    Dinner (on your own)
6:00PM    Movie
7:30-9PM  Speak-Out Action Planning Part 1

Conference Day 2
June 21st
9AM       Registration & Networking
10AM      Opening Day 2
10:15AM   Keynote: Robert Whitaker (Confirmed)
11AM      Break
11:15AM   Workshop Session 4
12:45PM   Lunch (On your own)
2PM       Keynote: Jim Gottstein (confirmed)
2:45PM    Workshop Session 5
4:30PM    Speak-Out Action Planning wrap-up Part 2
6:00PM    Conference close
HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!!!

PARTicipate in the open Mic performances
Slam poetry. sing,
Show off your talents!

And/or
Share your thoughts on organizing resistance against psychiatry during the speak outs!

Sign up at the registration table

Open Mic performances
June 21, 2011 3-4:30
Workshop session 5
Auditorium

Speak Outs
June 20, 2011 7:30 - 9pm Auditorium
June 21, 2011 4:30 -6pm Auditorium
KEYNOTE::: Darby Penney
Interrupting the Cycle of History  
6/20/11 10 AM

Darby Penney is a long-time activist in the human rights movement for people with psychiatric labels and is co-author, with Peter Stastny, of *The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic* (Bellevue Literary Press, 2008).

She is a Senior Research Associate with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., where she currently works on projects related to trauma-informed practices. She is president of The Community Consortium, a non-profit organization of psychiatric survivors and their allies.

In 2005, she was honored for her social justice work by being named a Fellow of the Petra Foundation. An Albany, NY, resident, Darby received a 2007 fellowship in Nonfiction Literature from the New York Foundation for the Arts.

Darby was formerly Director of Recipient Affairs at the New York State Office of Mental Health, where she brought the perspectives of people with psychiatric histories into the policy-making process. She also served as OMH Director of Historical Projects, where she worked on state hospital cemetery restoration, oral history projects, and the Suitcase Project.
Crooked Beauty chronicles artist-writer Jacks McNamara's transformative journey from psych ward patient to pioneering mental health advocacy.

This poetic documentary reshapes mental health stigmas and stereotypes into a new healing culture and political model for living with madness as a tool of creativity, inspiration and hope.

www.crookedbeauty.com
Robert Whitaker is the author of four books. His first, Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill was named by Discover magazine as one of the best science books of 2002, while the American Library Association named it one of the best history books of that year. His second, The Mapmaker’s Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder and Survival in the Amazon, was named by the American Library Association as one of the best biographies of 2004. It was translated into eight foreign languages. In 2008, Crown published On the Laps of Gods: The Red Summer of 1919 and the Struggle for Justice that Remade a Nation, which the San Francisco Chronicle selected as one of the best 50 non-fiction books of that year. On the Laps of Gods was also awarded the Anthony J. Lukas work-in-progress prize. His newest book, Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America, was published by Crown in the spring of 2010.

Prior to writing books, Robert Whitaker worked as the science and medical reporter at the Albany Times Union newspaper in New York for a number of years. His journalism articles won several national awards, including a George Polk award for medical writing, and a National Association of Science Writers’ award for best magazine article. A series he co-wrote for The Boston Globe was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1998.
Jim Gottstein is a Harvard Law School graduate, who has practiced law in Alaska for over 30 years. Since its founding in late 2002, he has devoted the bulk of his time pro bono (without pay) to the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights (PsychRights) whose mission is to mount a strategic litigation campaign against forced psychiatric drugging and electroshock in the United States. Mr. Gottstein has won reversal of four trial court decisions running roughshod over people's rights in these proceedings through appeals to the Alaska Supreme Court, including three on constitutional grounds. These decisions substantially limit the State's legal right to lock up and drug people labeled as mentally ill against their will. Mr. Gottstein is perhaps best known for subpoenaing and releasing the "Zyprexa Papers," which documented Eli Lilly's suppression of information about Zyprexa causing diabetes and other metabolic diseases and illegal off-label promotion; Eli Lilly eventually paid $1.4 billion in criminal and civil penalties (of which Jim received none). Currently, Mr. Gottstein is spending most of his time on PsychRights' Medicaid Fraud Initiative Against Psychiatric Drugging of Children and Youth. While Jim concentrates on United States' legal efforts to end psychiatric oppression, he has also worked with people from other countries and believes international law is a potentially powerful tool to curtail psychiatric oppression. In addition to his legal advocacy, Jim has co-founded a number of psychiatric survivor run organizations, including the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web, CHOICES, Inc., Soteria-Alaska, and Peer Properties, which as a whole created non-coercive, non-medical model options in Alaska.
Conference Schedule

Day 1 June 20th

Conference Registration/Networking  9-All Day  Concourse Lobby

Opening remarks  10

Keynote- Darby Penney
Interrupting the Cycle of History  10:15

Session 1- Performances and Showings  11:15 – 12:45

Kestryl Lowrey Performance  Auditorium

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In this critically acclaimed solo performance, transgender teenage rebel Cael cannot catch a break. Her Hot Topic proclivities land him in a lock-down institution that borrows discipline from Guantanamo and staff from the Church of Latter Day Saints. As Cael realizes why her mother locked him up, she wrestles with retribution, isolation, atonement and the meaning of madness in America.

Wallace Malay  Toronto, Canada  Concourse Lobby

Stigma
Showing and discussion of stigma painting

Lunch Break (On Your Own)  12:45- 1:45

Session 2- Workshop Panels  2:00-3:30

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Panel 1  Room C201

Keith Cunningham Toronto, Canada

Replacing the Medical Model of Psychiatry and Psychology with a Coaching Model of Psychology
Harry Bentivegna Lichtenstein New York, USA

Human Rights/ADA/CRPD Panel 1  Room C202

ADA and Psychiatric Disabilities

Overview of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as it pertains to psychiatrically labeled persons

Tina Minkowitz, Esq. New York, USA
Challenging the Power/ Anti-Psychiatry Panel 1   Room C203

Social Work Programs: Valuing Social Justice or Promoting Social Exclusion?
Jenna Reid Toronto, Canada

Strategizing to Ban Electroshock
Helene Grandbois, Activist to Ban Electroshock Quebec, Canada

Consciousness Raising Initiatives   Panel 1               Room C204

Student Behavior Threat Assessment Teams and Their Misuse on College Campuses
Tina M. Bonneau

Pediatric Bipolar and the Media of Madness
Jonah Bossewitch  The Icarus Project  New York, USA

Cultural Diversity Panel 1                           Room C205

Resisting Representations of “Tiger moms”: Mapping and decolonizing how we understand racial
hybridity for critical interventions in Multicultural Mental Health
Louise Tam Toronto, Canada

The Invisible Straight Jacket: Theorizing and Teaching Saneism and Sane Privilege
PhebeAnn Wolframe Hamilton, Canada

Session 3- Workshop Panels                                3:30-5:00

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Panel 2         Room C201

Partners in Crime: An In-Depth Discussion of Unhealthy Connections between Food, Mood and
Mental Health Systems
Emma Heath-Engel  Hamilton, Canada

The Therapeutic Possibilities of Being Unproductive
Dr. Bradley Kaye New York, USA

Human Rights/ADA/CRPD Panel 2                           Room C202

The Sense of Sensitivity- on repealing “Insanity” Plea
April Scheller Connecticut, USA

Using Law to Defend Rights of People with Psychiatric Disabilities or Sue the Bastards: lessons from 3
Decades of Litigation against Involuntary Commitment
Aaron Frishberg, Esq. New York, USA
Challenging the Power/Anti-Psychiatry Panel 2  Room C203

Benzodiazepine Addiction in the Psychiatric Community  
Amy Upham New York, USA

Doctors, Patients, and Suicide: Symptoms of a “Sick” Society  
Adinah Caro-Greene, BA

Consciousness Raising Initiatives Panel 2  Room C204

The Impact of Violence, Society, and psychiatry on Women and Children: Changing attitudes and policies to create change.  
Meghan Hogg Toronto, Canada

Creating a Space for Dialogue Between Psychiatrized Children and Youth and Adult Members of the Psychiatric Survivor, Anti-psychiatry and Mad Communities  
Brenda LeFrancois  Canada

Cultural Diversity  Room C205

The Out Crowd- Mask Making  
LGBTQ Group Recovery Empowerment Network  
Elizabeth Johnson Arizona, USA

Dinner Break (On Your Own) 5:00-6:00

Movie Viewing and Discussion 6:00-7:15  Auditorium

Crooked Beauty: Navigating the Space between Brilliance  
Ken Paul Rosenthal- Film Maker California, USA

Speak-Out and Action Planning Part 1 7:15-9:00 Auditorium
Conference Schedule

June 21st Day 2

Conference Registration/Networking 9-All Day Concourse Lobby

Magic Act- Vince Boehm Delaware, USA 10 Auditorium

Keynote 10:15 Auditorium
Robert Whitaker
Anatomy of An Epidemic: History, Science and The Story of How the Medical Model Has Failed Us All

Session 4-Workshop Panels 11:15-12:45

Performance Auditorium
Revealing Bigotry: The National Theatre School of Canada
Araxi Arslanian Toronto, Canada

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing Panel 3 Room C201

The Goals of the Foundation for Excellence in Mental HealthCare: Building a new Humane Paradigm of care
Robert Whitaker Massachusetts, USA

Hope’s Door- Peer Support
Ann Rider, Recovery Empowerment Network Arizona, USA

Human Rights/ADA/CRPD Panel 3 Room C202

Psychiatric Torture and Violence against Prisoners, Liberty and Justice for All, Human Rights and Advocacy
Daniel Hazen, Voices of the Heart New York, USA

Developing an Inclusive position on psychiatric drugs
Tina Minkowitz, Esq. New York, USA
Challenging the Power/Anti-Psychiatry Panel 3   Room C203

On the Importance of “Being Compliant”
Lisa Greco-Joseph   New York, USA

PSYCHIATRYLAND: How to Protect Yourself from Pill-Pushing Psychiatrists and Develop a Personal Plan for Optimal Mental Health
Dr. Phillip Sinaikin, MD Florida, USA

Cultural Diversity Panel 2   Room C205

From Patient to Citizen: A Reflection on Mental Health Movement in Taipei
Shulan Tien Taipei, Taiwan

Creation of New Services, an abstract from Iceland
Elin Ebba Asmundsdottir, Univ Akureyri, Iceland

Lunch Break (On Your Own)   12:45-1:45

Keynote   2:00-2:45   Auditorium
James (Jim) B. Gottstein
PsychRights’ Strategic Approach to End Psychiatric Oppression

Session 5- Workshop Panels   3:00-4:30

OPEN MIC   Auditorium
Poetry, slam poetry, sing, dance, perform show us your stuff!
Hosted by: Laura Ziegler   Vermont, USA

Alternatives/Innovative Approaches to Healing   Room C201

From what’s wrong? To What happened?: Moving Towards Trauma-Informed Holistic Approaches
Eva Dech & Dally Sanchez   New York, USA

Proposal for Centres for Sustainable and Creative Maladjustment
Emma Heath-Engel Hamilton, Canada

Human Rights/CRPD/ADA   Room C202

The Illegality of Psychiatric Imprisonment, Forced Drugging and Forced Electroshock in the United States
James (Jim) b. Gottstein, Esq. Alaska, USA

What Would It Take to Repeal Mental Health Laws?
Tina Minkowitz, Esq. New York, USA
Consciousness Raising Initiatives  Room C204

Dispelling the Myth of “Mental Illness”: Hormone Imbalances, Memory, and Trauma
Sheila Sullivan Massachusetts, USA

Working as a MH provider from a Non-medication perspective within a medical model environment:
How to provide services with integrity and change the system from within.
Jennifer Kinzie New York, USA

Cultural Diversity Panel 3  Room C205

The Cultural Legacy of Shame
Tania Jivraj Toronto, Canada

Religious Minorities, Dietary Restrictions and the Psychiatric System
Beth (Malka) Wendy Grundfest New York, USA

Speak-Out and Action Planning Part 2  4:30-6:00
Discussion by: Eileen McGinn
HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO!

**Trains Stations Nearby**

1,2,3,A,C,E 34th St – Penn Station
N,Q,R,B,D,F, 34th St – Herald Sq
M 34th St – Herald Squ
4,5,6 Grand Central – 42nd St
4,6 28th St & Park Ave
4,6 33rd St & Park Av

**Fast Food**

Maui Taco 330 5th Ave
Qdoba Mexican Grill 208 E 34th St

Shake Shack 11 Madison Ave Madison Park
White Castle 525 8th Ave
Supermac 348 7th Ave
Burger King 255 West 34th St
KFC 47 E 42nd St
McDonald’s 401 Park Ave South
280 Madison Ave
451 Lexington Ave
335 8th Ave
Dimple Indian Fast Food 11 West 30th St
Energy Kitchen 300 East 41st St
Wendy’s 447 Lexington Ave

New York Burger Co. 303 Park Ave
BAR/RESTAURANTS T.G.I. Fridays 761 7th Ave
484 8th Ave
Woody McHale’s Bar & Grill 234 W 14th St
Dave and Busters 234 W. 42nd
Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill 205 W. 50th St
O’Reilly’s Pub 35th between 5th & 6th Ave

**Coffee**

Madison Bistro 238 Madison Ave
Penelope Café 159 Lexington Ave

Bread Factory Café 470 Fashion Ave
Melanie Café 177 Madison Ave
Starbuck’s 350 5th Ave
200 Madison Ave
GC EXPRESS 1st floor of the Graduate Center

**Pizza**

Two Boots Grand Central 109 E. 42nd Ave
LaBella – New York 581 2nd Ave

99 Fresh Pizza 151 E. 43rd. St
Redstone Pizzaria 500 Lexington Ave

**Hot Dogs/Pretzles/Gyros/Delis/Subways**

ON EVERY CORNER.

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING IS ACROSS THE STREET (5TH AVENUE BETWEEN 34 & 33 STREETS.)