

**British Sociological Association
Sociology of Mental Health Study Group symposium**



**Social Movements and Sociological Knowledge on Mental Health:
Where are we now?**

**Friday 13th June 10 a.m. – 5 pm
University of Wolverhampton, City campus**

The British Sociological Association's Sociology of Mental Health Study Group is 10 years old this year. Its programme of work has included exploration of links between academic sociology and social movements in mental health and between the women's and mental health sectors. This symposium seeks to build on this programme to explore the contributions of a range of social movements to sociological knowledge on mental health and the relationships between these movements. The event will provide a space for critical reflection and discussion on:

- i) the ways in which the psychiatric survivor movement, the disabled people's (disability) movement, the trade union movement, the civil rights movement & the women's (feminist) movement and their social histories have shaped sociological knowledge on mental health;
- ii) overlaps, links, commonalities and synergies, as well as differences, points of departure and tensions between these movements; and
- iii) the possibilities or otherwise for alliances between these social movements and between the movements and academia in sociological knowledge construction and social action for the future concerning mental health.

The event will offer space for multi-disciplinary debate and discussion of the interface between disciplinary/study/practice areas concerned with social perspectives on mental health (e.g. Medical Sociology, Education, Disability Studies, Women's Studies, Critical Race Studies, Critical Psychology, Social Psychiatry; Nursing, Social Work, Community Development) and provide the opportunity for coalescing sociological knowledge on mental health from a range of study and practice areas.

Speakers: Professor Diana Rose, Institute of Psychiatry; Dr Janet Wallcraft, University of Wolverhampton; Dr Sarah Carr, Sarah Carr and Associates Ltd, Universities of Birmingham and York and Co-Vice Chair of the National Survivor User Network (NSUN); Donna Adams, Wolverhampton Women's Wellbeing Centre; Matthew Danaher, Unison; Dr Mick McKweon, University of Central Lancashire; Professor Simone Fullager, University of Bath; Dr Patsy Staddon, Women's Independent Alcohol Support and University of Plymouth; Dr Lydia Lewis, University of Wolverhampton; Dr Helen Spandler, University of Central Lancashire.

Cost: £20 for BSA members; £25 for non-members (to include refreshments and lunch).

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