



The National Hearing Voices Network,
in association with the British Psychological
Society, present



LIVING LIFE BEYOND DIAGNOSIS: EXPERIENCES, IDEAS & PRACTICALITIES

#BEYONDDIAGNOSIS

ABOUT

This **free** one day conference, supported by the BPS, provides an opportunity to explore the value of, and problems with, psychiatric diagnosis. Using some alternative ways of **understanding**, and responding, to emotional crises without diagnosis as **inspiration**, we will explore some of the **challenging personal and social implications** of moving beyond psychiatric diagnosis. This is **not** a conference aiming for a single unified voice - it provides a welcoming space to explore these issues.

26TH JAN 2017

10.00*AM - 4.45PM

*Registration from 9.30am

Amnesty International

17-25 New Inn Yard
London, EC2A 3EA



AGM

Our AGM takes place **after** the conference from **5 - 5.30pm**.

Members of National HVN and interested others are **welcome** to attend, whether they attend the conference, or not.

FEATURING

- ★ **Katie Mottram** (Spiritual Crisis Network) on understanding mental health difficulties as a spiritual transformation or breakthrough.
- ★ **John Read** (BPS) on a conceptual alternative to diagnosis that brings together issues of power, threat response and personal meaning.
- ★ **Iseult Twamley** (Open Dialogue, West Cork) on an approach that sees 'psychosis' as existing in the space between people.
- ★ **Panel discussion and spaces to think about Issues around diagnosis, including:** identity, validation, navigating benefits, access to support, the law and much more.

We welcome anyone who has personal, or professional interest in psychiatric diagnoses.

Hearing Voices Groups that are **members** of HVN can apply for a **first-come-first-served limited bursary** to support travel costs. **Email for details.**

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