

# psychOUT 2011

A conference for organizing resistance against psychiatry

June 20 & 21, 2011

Graduate Center, City University of New York, 34 Street & 5th Avenue, NYC

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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. Dialogue about these experiences is intended to foster networking and coalition building across social justice movements, disciplines and geographical locations; to clarify some key goals in the struggle against psychiatric oppression; to develop some longer-term strategies to help us achieve these goals; and to help us critically examine how we use specific tools for social change, such as the law, science, theory, media, art, and theatre.

Over the last century, proponents of biological psychiatry have used the language of science to naturalize the medical model as an essential way of organizing and managing human experience. In contrast, collective resistance against the theories and interventions of psychiatry has intensified over recent years as psychiatric survivors, activists and community members are contesting this institution on various political fronts.

We are seeking proposals that focus on building coalitions, alternatives to the psychiatric industry, User and Survivor-run alternatives, trauma informed practices, support-decision making strategies, and learning from marginalized groups such as women, Users and Survivors of color and indigenous people with disabilities, youth, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered people, people who are homeless and others living in poverty, and how they resist psychiatric oppression in different ways within a human rights framework aimed at challenging the power of institutional psychiatry.

### Submission of Papers, Workshops and Creative Presentations

This psychOUT Conference welcomes proposals on academic papers, workshops, or creative presentation submissions that can include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Language usage and the antipsychiatry movement
- Feminist organizing against psychiatry
- Anti-racism strategies
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning, Intersexed, 2 Spirited Issues on psychiatric oppression
- Resisting colonizing practices of psychiatry
- The struggle to ban electroshock: strategies, victories, mistakes and challenges
- Forced Drugging of Children
- Human Rights Strategies
- Resistance to Incarceration
- Forced psychiatry in the criminal justice system, jails and prisons
- Eliminating the Insanity Defense
- New Paradigm Shift: UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities
- Trauma Informed Approaches vs. "Mental Illness"

- Psychiatric interference and other systems in parenting.
- Psychiatric interference in nations in developing countries
- Intersections between anti-poverty movements and anti-psychiatry
- Intersections between the AIDS movements and anti-psychiatry
- Networking and coalition building across disciplines and social movements
- Commonalities and tensions within the antipsychiatry, psychiatric survivor, and mad communities
- User and Survivors of Psychiatry Controlled Alternatives
- Building a global antipsychiatry movement
- Developing long-term strategies to meet antipsychiatry abolitionist goals
- Artistic and creative resistance
- Consciousness-raising initiatives
- Disability Rights and Law to fight for the rights of Users and Survivors of psychiatry.
- Supporting youth against the rise of psychiatry in their lives.
- Using science to undermine psychiatric theory and practice
- Media campaigns: Challenges, obstacles and breakthroughs
- Examining movement history to inform present-day strategy and action
- Resisting the pharmaceutical industry
- Censorship
- Envisioning and creating alternatives
- Resisting the spread of psychiatric control in the community, such as community treatment sanctions.

**The due date for submissions is  
January 15, 2011.**

*Paper abstracts, workshop or creative presentation descriptions will be peer reviewed and should be approximately 500 words in length.*

*Pre-formed panel proposals are also encouraged.*

*Decisions will be made by February 28, 2011.*

**Submit your abstract to:**

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