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New Website



Welcome

Welcome to the Design in Mental Health Network's website. The word 'network' is important – our organisation was founded by a small group of concerned individuals back in 2006 and continues to grow. The DIMHN is a not-for-profit, social enterprise company with charitable aims and is open to anyone with an interest in the design of mental health facilities. We do mean anyone – from architects to nursing staff, from building contractors to service users. If you're interested, and everyone should be, you're welcome.

We're driven by one critical fact: design matters. It isn't a nice to have, or an optional extra, but is vital to the well-being of everyone who works in, or uses the services of the mental health sector. Step by step, conversation by conversation, action by action, we are making a difference. We are learning from everyone and improving safety and patient outcomes. If you can contribute, please do. Our network will be stronger for your input.

"The greatest cruelty is our casual blindness to the despair of others."



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Tweet impressions
19.3K ↑17.4%



Profile visits
811 ↑38.9%



Mentions
38 ↑65.2%



Followers
1,103 ↑19



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New Blogs

Mental Health – we need talk and action

April 18, 2017 1:29 pm

The Duke of Cambridge talking to pop star Lady Gaga about PTSD and Prince Harry's open admission that he struggled with grief after the death of his mother have rightly made the news. High-profile campaigns like Heads Together have an important role to play in raising awareness and reducing the stigma related to mental ill health. It's common, now, to find a public figure talking about problems they have faced and in some cases still face. It's talk, and it's effective, but it can only be effective so far. We can't solve all the problems of mental ill health with talk. We need investment and action too.





[Service user 13]
(Daykin et al., 2010, p.12)

A growing body of research examining the impact of arts, design and environment on well-being and clinical outcomes in mental healthcare was identified in a systematic literature review by Daykin, Byrne, Soteriou and O'Connor (2008) and suggests that environmental enhancements can positively impact on the health and well-being of service users and staff.

"It's nice that windows are kept open... it does give you a sense of the outside, of freedom, outside doesn't seem so far away... something like that does help you somehow not to lose touch with what's happening outside."

[Patient] (Payne & May, 2009, p.80)

Conference workstream updates

Day 1

12:00

Session: Design guidance for 21st century Psychiatric intensive Care Units [view]

The journey from concept to completion and beyond. In May 2016, we started the journey, and in 2017 we will have the finished guidance which will support the design and planning of Psychiatric Intens...

Speakers:



Chris Dzikiti

Strategic Programme Manager - NHS England



Jenny Gill

Chairman - Design in Mental Health Network



Caroline Parker

Consultant Pharmacist, Mental Health FT and NAPICU

Chair:



Joe Forster

President - DIMHN



Day 2

14.30

Conference Room B

Breakout: DIMHN/BRE independent product performance testing: quality control for mental health environments [view]

We believe there are many benefits to independent product performance testing to NHS and Private organisations. At our presentation, we'll be expanding on some of the key benefits identified and pro...

Speakers:



Philip Ross

Board Director - Design in Mental Health Network

(DIMHN)



Jeff Bartle

Head of Design - St Andrew's Healthcare

Conference group

Jeff Bartle



Jenny Gill



Bev Lamey

Lianne Knotts



Rosemary Jenssen

Stuart McArthur



Andrew Arnold



Wendy De Silva



Keynote Speaker



Jacqui Dyer MBE