



# **SURVIVORS RESEARCH NETWORK**

## **Birmingham Research**

### **Seminar Series**

#### **COLLABORATION IN MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH:**

#### **Challenges, constraints and contributions to knowledge.**

At the invitation of the Survivors History Network the Centre of Excellence in Interdisciplinary Mental Health (CEIMH) is hosting a series of Survivors Research Network seminars from March-July 2010.

The theme of these seminars is what is being learnt through the collaborative work being undertaken by survivor and academic researchers

**The third seminar in this series is on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 4.00pm-6.00pm at CEIMH, Basement Watson Building, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT**

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**Drinks and light refreshments will be provided**

**'Using peer researchers to explore service user and carer views on compulsory admission to hospital: a Northern Irish perspective'**

**Damien Kavanagh, Martin Daly, Moira Harper,**

**Gavin Davidson and Jim Campbell**

*Mental health research in the UK is gradually benefiting from partnerships between recipients of services and academics. This presentation describes and analyses one such project in Northern Ireland that focused on experiences of compulsory admission. Three patient and carer advocates and two academics were involved in a qualitative study designed to elicit the views of six service users and six carers covering three phases associated with compulsory admission: initial assessment leading to hospitalization; care and treatment in hospital and, finally, discharge processes. The findings concur with other research in the field, indicating that service providers are not attentive enough to key process (information giving, communication, therapeutic relationships) that would improve the experiences and human rights of service users and carers. An additional outcome of the study is a reflexive account of how the research process affected researchers' views about compulsory care and treatment.*

**To book a place, contact Nicki Young:**

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**Subsequent seminars will be held on: June 16<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>**