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# 6th World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness

## PATHWAYS TO RIGHTS 16 - 19 September 2014

### Riddel Hall Queen's University Belfast Northern Ireland

Hosted by European Society for Mental Health and Deafness in collaboration with The Queen's University, Belfast and The Royal College of Psychiatrists.

#### THE CONGRESS

The theme is Pathways To Rights. This reflects the rights of Deaf people to equality in mental health care. On all levels of care, diagnosis and treatment, research and development of provision, professionals all over the world are confronted with the challenge to provide this care.

#### THE AUDIENCE

The Congress will be of interest to mental health professionals, social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, teachers and therapists, service providers, policy makers, members of the Deaf community, carers and voluntary and statutory organisations.

#### CONGRESS WORKSHOP THEMES

Child & Family, Adult & Public Health

#### FOR FULL PROGRAMME, VENUE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER SEE:

[www.wcmhd2014.org](http://www.wcmhd2014.org)  
<http://www.bda.org.uk/Events/158>

#### THE SOCIAL PROGRAMME

##### Wednesday

An Evening of Culture - Stranmills University College

##### Thursday

Gala Dinner - Titanic Belfast

##### Friday

Join us at Cutters Wharf, Stranmillis for drinks

##### Saturday

Visit to Deaf Village Ireland - Dublin,

#### CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Brian Symington, MBE - President  
Dr Ines-Sleeboon-Van-Raaij, Co-President  
Dr Margaret Du Feu, OBE, Chair Scientific Committee  
Renata Sarmenta - ESMHD Manager  
(Supported by Local Organising Committee)

#### BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast, capital City of Northern Ireland, is situated within one hours drive of some of Europe's most unspoiled and spectacular scenery. Visit [www.gotobelfast.com](http://www.gotobelfast.com) for further information.

## PROGRAMMES

### Pre-Congress

#### Tuesday 16 September

Forensic issues in Mental Health and Deafness.

Local Deaf Organisations and Professionals Session.

Interpreters Forum.

Rehabilitation for Deafened People.

Nurses Forum for people working in the field of Mental Health and Deafness.

Social Workers Forum.

See [www.wcmhd2014.org](http://www.wcmhd2014.org) for locations.

## Congress

### OPENING CEREMONY

BELFAST CITY HALL - Tues 16th.

### PLENARY SESSIONS

#### Wednesday 17 September

##### Opening Keynote Address

Key factors towards quality of life through the lens of human rights  
*Dr Liisa Kauppinen (Finland)*

*Professor Roy McClelland (N.I.)*

New Mental Capacity Legislation in Northern Ireland - a pathway to rights for all citizens with mental health needs.

#### Thursday 18 September

*Dr Cathy Chovaz (Canada)*

The right to language and implications for mental health.

*Dr Michael Schwartz (USA)*

The Professional and the Personal: Some Reflections on Mental Health Care for Deaf People.

#### Friday 19 September

*Professor Sir David Goldberg (UK) & Dr Johannes Fellingner (Austria)*

Addressing the mental health problems in Primary Health Care. Access to adequate Health Care - a basic right of Deaf People.

*Dr Jan Van Dijk (Netherlands)*

DeafBlindness: Does the human brain have an answer when bereft from input of sight and hearing?

## Post Congress

### SATURDAY 20 September

Parents meet World Experts at Jordanstown School, Newtownabbey BT37 0QE.  
[www.jordanstownschooll.org](http://www.jordanstownschooll.org)

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**Dr. Liisa Kauppinen (Finland)**  
*Presentation in FSL & Spoken English*

Former President of the World Federation of the Deaf and winner of the United Nations Prize for Human Rights in December 2013. She has been working in securing the inclusion of references to sign languages, Deaf culture, Deaf Community and the identity of Deaf people within the UN's Convention on the Rights of people with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

**Prof. Sir David Goldberg (UK)**

He is a Psychologist and Psychiatrist best known for his work in psychiatric epidemiology. He developed the General Health Questionnaire and advocated the bio-social model for mental disorders. He was the inaugural winner of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Life Time Achievement Award.

**Prof. Dr. Cathy Chovaz (Canada)**  
*Presentation in ASL & Spoken English*

Professor in Psychology at King's University College at Western University, Ontario. She teaches courses in Child and Adult Clinical Psychology. Dr Chovaz is Canada's first Deaf Clinical Psychologist and has recently co-authored with Dr M Du Feu a book entitled Mental Health and Deafness, published by Oxford University Press.

**Prof. Roy McClelland (N. Ireland)**

Emeritus Professor of Mental Health at Queen's University Belfast and Consultant Psychiatrist. Professor McClelland was awarded the Geneva Prize in 2002 recognising his distinguished achievement in promoting equity, humanity and excellence in Psychiatric Care. He was the Chairman of the Bamford Review, the most comprehensive Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services in the UK and Ireland and ensured that a section of the Report focussed on the needs of Deaf people. He is currently a member of the Project Board overseeing the Development of the new Mental Capacity Legislation in NI.

**Dr. Michael Schwartz (USA)**  
*Presentation in ASL & Spoken English*

Deaf lawyer & associate professor of law and has been the director of the Disability Rights Clinic in the Office of Clinical Legal Education at the Syracuse University College of Law since August 2004. He has just received a Fulbright Award to study at Queen's University Belfast; the focus of his study will be the experiences of Deaf patients in the healthcare field with a particular focus on Mental Health services

**Dr. Johannes Fellingner (Austria)**

Head of the Neurological Institute for Language and Senses - Health Centre for the Deaf, St. John of God's Hospital, Linz, Consultant for Neurology and Psychiatry, Neuropaediatrics and Assistant Professor of the University of Vienna. He was WFD Expert on Mental Health (2009-2011) and co-ordinator of Health Issues (2013). He has participated in numerous research projects on Deafness, Quality of Life, Mental Health, Deaf adults and children.

**Dr. Tiejou van Gent, Phd. (Netherlands)**

Child and adolescent psychiatrist with a experience in Mental Health and Deafness since 1987. In 1991 he was appointed as assistant professor at Leiden University Medical Centre, the Netherlands. He has been in charge of one of the world's first inpatient and outpatient mental Health services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and Young people. He has recently published on "Mental Health Problems in Deaf and Severely Hard of Hearing children and Adolescents: findings on prevalence, pathogenesis and clinical complexities, and implications for prevention, diagnosis and intervention.

**Prof. Dr. Jan van Dijk (Netherlands)**

Emeritus Professor Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands. He has been an International Consultant and Lecturer since 2001. His area of special interest is the assessment of children with multiple disabilities and challenging behaviours. He has been knighted by the Queen of the Netherlands for his services to Deaf people with autism.

**Thursday 18th - Memorial Lecture in Honour of Dr Nick Kitson - Former President ESMHD**  
**Afternoon of Friday 19th - Grand Finale of the Pathways to Rights Congress, Jan van Dijk and Tiejou van Gent will co-chair a Question and Answer Session with a Panel of Experts.**



**Kingham Church for Deaf People, 13 Botanic Avenue, Belfast,**  
<http://www.pcibsw.org/kinghan.html> welcomes delegates to Belfast and is open throughout the week - do drop in for refreshments and to meet members of the local Deaf Community in Belfast.



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