Understanding Extreme States and Psychiatric Diagnosis: A Process Work Approach

Saturday, February 4th, 10am - 4:30 pm

Is there meaning in the distressing experiences labeled psychosis, bipolar, and schizophrenia?

The mind is far more mysterious than a label or a diagnosis could ever encompass. In this workshop we will discover the gifts of sensitivity, creativity, and spirituality that are intertwined with what gets called a disorder. Discussion, demonstrations, and experiential exercises will introduce a Process Oriented way to live and work with the meaning behind extreme states of consciousness. Everyone is welcome at this inclusive workshop: professionals, those interested in Process Work, people with diagnosis and/or extreme states, anyone taking or not taking medications, family members, and the community.

Co-teachers Will Hall and Myriam Rahman offer a unique personal perspective on hospitalization, diagnosis, and medication.

Will Hall, MA, DiplPW, has recovered from a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Director of Portland Hearing Voices, Will hosts Madness Radio on KBOO and teaches internationally on new approaches to madness and extreme states. www.willhall.net.

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