

Hearing Voices workshop:

Working With Voices For Key-Workers & Voice Hearers

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Portland, Oregon

Hearing voices is one of the most common experiences that people diagnosed with a psychotic illness have. Research has shown that many people continue to hear voices even after prolonged use of medication and this has meant that many voice hearers do not get relief from their experiences. The consequence of this is that many people live lives that are low in quality and high in distress. Many professionals are left frustrated when medication does not deliver the desired results.

Join Ron Coleman and Karen Taylor of Working to Recovery Ltd. for a two-day workshop for voice hearers and those who work with them. This workshop will provide a space for the voice hearers to be teachers and the workers to be the learners! We hope to give workers the confidence to work individually with their clients on understanding the voices and the knowledge to promote Hearing Voices groups with in their services, as well as supporting the workers to help advocate with more understanding for medication reductions and different approaches to treatment, including trauma informed care. This will be a hands-on, experiential workshop.

SPACE IS LIMITED: 15 voice hearers, 30 workers/service providers*

*Ideally, the participants will consist of direct mental health service providers and voice hearers that have an ongoing working relationship to promote continuation of the practices learned in the workshop.

REGISTRATION COST: \$10 for voice hearers, \$60 for workers/service providers
The registration includes the cost of the required workbook "Working With Voices"

Please contact Nicole for more information on how to register:
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Ron Coleman is a Mental Health Trainer and Consultant specializing in psychosis prevention and resolution. He has designed training packages to enable voice hearers to gain ascendancy over the negative aspects of the voice hearing experience. His own route to recovery, after spending 13 years in and out of the psychiatric system, has given him many insights into the many difficult issues facing today's mental health services. Ron has published several books including 'Politics of the Madhouse', co-authored 'Working with Voices' & 'Working to Recovery' and also wrote 'Recovery an Alien Concept?' – Ron is now back in his homeland of Scotland after 20 years of self imposed exile!

Karen Taylor is an RMN with 16 years experience in the NHS in England with both older people and adults of working age. She has personal experience of designing, implementing and managing innovative community care services. After leaving the NHS she managed a company 'Keepwell Ltd' for 2 years. Whilst there she co-authored the workbook 'Working to Recovery' and ran a psychosis resolution service based on Recovery. Karen has also been involved in introducing recovery training into Australia, New Zealand, Palestine, Denmark and Italy as well as throughout the UK. Based in Scotland Karen is also a Director with Ron Coleman in 'Working to Recovery Limited'.

