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Working with Voices

A Workshop with Ron Coleman and Paul Baker

6.5 CEUs

November 16, 2010, 8:30am-4:30pm

Good Samaritan Hospital, Building 2 Auditorium\

1015 NW 22nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97210

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. 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 & high in distress. This one-day workshop has been designed to help practitioners understand the experience of hearing voices and interventions that can be used to enable the voice hearer take control of their experience. As a result of this training, individuals will know how to develop an in depth understanding of people's voice hearing experience & will be able to use proven tools to help individuals develop successful coping strategies.

Presenters

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 & 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" and "Recovery: an Alien Concept?" He also co-authored "Working with Voices" & "Working to Recovery."

Paul Baker is a community development and group worker. He has a Post-graduate Diploma in Community Education, specializing in working with young people and people with mental health problems. Paul has worked in the health care and education sectors for the last 30 years. He had the responsibility to develop innovative mental health care services in the community including services run by the people who use them, self-advocacy services, supported housing services, social firms and enterprises as well as the development of forums for people to enable them to have a direct input in the development and running of services. Paul was one of the founding members of the Hearing Voices Network in England and is currently the coordinator

of INTERVOICE, the influential coordinating body for the international hearing voices movement.

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