
Forthcoming events

Mental Illness and Substance Misuse: Meeting the Challenge of Dual Diagnosis is the first of two one-day conferences being organised by King's College's Centre for Mental Health Services Development (CMHSD). Taking place on 3 December 1998 at the New Connaught Rooms in London, the conference will address issues which include highlighting the nature and prevalence of dual diagnosis, and examining current and potential policy initiatives. **Making New Deal a Good Deal for Mental Health** will be held at Strand Campus, King's College London on 8 December 1998 in London. The overall objectives of this conference are to evaluate the opportunities presented by New Deal, share ideas for action and look at the practical realities of the initiative from a user and a provider perspective. Further information: Geoff Hodgson, CMHSD, King's College London, 2nd Floor, Friars House, 157-168 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8EZ (Telephone: 0171 928 4994, Fax: 0171 928 4101).

The University of Southampton is offering a series of courses based on practical issues at the interface between law and the behavioural sciences. **Managing Risk in Child Protection Services** is an intensive one-day course which aims at helping to break down the fear of risk-taking while encouraging better decisions. It will be held on 8 December 1998 in London, 14 January 1999 in Manchester and 25 March 1999 in Cheltenham. **Managing Risk in Mental Disorder Services** brings together ideas from several disciplines to show how high-quality risk decisions can be taken in a way that is unlikely to lead to censure. It will take place in Manchester on 12 January 1999 and Cheltenham on 23

March 1999. **Developing Witness Skills**, a practical workshop, will be of interest to those involved in presenting evidence to a court in a professional capacity. The places and dates for this workshop are: Manchester, 13 January 1999 and Cheltenham, 24 March 1999. Further information: Jill Elliott, Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Southampton SO17 1BJ (Telephone: 01703 592 376, Fax: 01703 593 885, e-mail: jill.elliott@soton.ac.uk).

Merseyside Psychotherapy Institute presents **Psychotherapy of Psychosis**, a series of study days entitled **Interventions with Psychotic Symptoms**, taking place on 5 March 1999, **Psychosis and the Social World**, being held on 7 May 1999, and **Psychosis and Systems**, to be held on 2 July 1999. Venue for the series: Western Rooms, Liverpool Cathedral, St James Mount L1 7AZ. Further information: The MPI Administrator, c/o 26 Barchester Drive, Liverpool 17, L17 5BZ (Telephone/fax: 0151 727 4131).

Illness and Narrative is the title of a one-day conference organised by the University of Bristol on behalf of the Royal Anthropological Institute Medical Anthropology Group and the Auto/Biography Study Group of the British Sociological Association. This multi-disciplinary conference will seek to bring together researchers in medical anthropology, narrative and the study of lives and to promote a theoretical cross-fertilisation. Further information: Vieda Skultans, Division of Psychiatry, University of Bristol, 41 St Michael's Hill, Bristol BS2 8Z (Telephone: 0117 928 7775, Fax: 0117 925 9709, e-mail: V.Skultans@bris.ac.uk).

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