



Free medical student places at major international psychosis conference

ISPS THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL
APPROACHES TO PSYCHOSIS

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ISPS (International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis)

Psychiatry aims at a biopsychosocial approach but, for people with psychotic symptoms and diagnoses, attention to biological aspects has often dominated to a degree which many consider has been detrimental. ISPS is an international organisation which promotes greater attention to psychological and social perspectives both in understanding psychosis and its origins and in all aspects of treatment. A rapidly growing body of research supports this stance.

ISPS is unusual in bringing together clinicians and researchers from a wide range of disciplines and people who have personally experienced psychosis including family members and friends. Dialogue amongst these diverse groups is actively promoted. Activities include publication of the journal *Psychosis*, a book series and regular national and international conferences. More information can be found at www.isps.org and www.ispsuk.org and on social media (#isps2017uk).

In summer 2017, the 20th international conference of the ISPS will be held in Liverpool. The title is ***Making Real Change Happen*** and details are available at www.isps2017uk.org. This conference will bring together professionals from many disciplines along with people with lived experience of psychosis and family members. This will be the first time for twenty years that this major international gathering has been in the UK and is a unique opportunity to learn about contemporary understanding of psychosis and the implications for mental health services and society.

Free conference places for three medical students!

We are delighted to announce that the Royal College of Psychiatrists has kindly agreed to fund three UK medical students to attend this conference. The funding will cover the full four day conference fee, but not travel or accommodation. (Very reasonably priced university accommodation can be booked through the conference website www.isps2017uk.org)

To apply for a place please contact isps@isps.org by 31st May 2017, providing two short paragraphs (no more than 500 words in total) explaining why you are interested in ISPS and in attending this particular conference.

Please note that by submitting an application you consent to the possibility of anonymised publication of all or part of your application. Successful applicants will be notified by 30th June, and following the conference will be expected to provide a very brief review of their experience.

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The 20th International Congress 30.08-03.09.2017 in Liverpool, UK