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Bridging our own gaps mental health nursing in psychosis

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Learning Goal:

In this workshop we want to discuss the importance of nursing work with persons with psychotic experiences. Our main goal is to get in contact with nurses all over the world and to share knowledge and experiences.

Abstract Text:

Since mental health nurses take on a key role in the treatment for persons with psychosis, the International Executive committee of ISPS is encouraging mental health nurses to join the large ISPS family.

What this key role entails will most likely vary -both nationally and internationally- depending on the differences in training level, socioeconomical and cultural background of the mental health nurse. Also the differences in treatment facilities (eg inpatient vs outpatient, open vs closed wards, therapeutic perspective on treatment) will influence the job content. The goal of this workshop is not only to talk about our differences, but through the search for things that bind us, we would like to bridge the professional gap between mental health nurses worldwide.

To kick off the discussion we will start by showing video-interviews with nurses from Australia, Belgium, Ethiopia, Norway and Tanzania questioning them about their approach towards the person with psychotic experiences and what they rate as good practice. We will also inquire them about their needs to provide better care.

In the second part of the workshop we want to engage in dialogue with the participants of the workshop. We believe that this exchange of knowledge and views can benefit us as health care practitioners and more importantly the person with psychotic experiences. With the knowledge that a good discussion will give rise to even more interesting questions, we will incite the participants to continue the discussion through the platform ISPS created for mental health nurses.

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