



The College of Psychiatry of Ireland
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Social Psychiatry for College of Psychiatry Annual Spring Conference

Over a two day period in Galway, from 29th to 30th March (2012), psychiatrists from throughout the country will meet to hear international and national speakers and debate many topical issues in Psychiatry today focussed around the theme '*Social Psychiatry*'.

Professor Colm Mc Donald, who leads neuroimaging research in NUI Galway, will open conference and will be followed by Professor Norman Sartorius who has headed up the World Health Organisation's programme in Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry for the last forty five years.

Dr Rachel Perkins, Chair of Equality 2025, the UK cross Government strategic advisory committee on issues related to disabled people, will be speaking on the value of the mental health arena adopting a social model of disability in enabling people with mental health conditions to rebuild their lives and participate as equal citizens.

Professor Chris Williams, from Glasgow, will give a presentation instructing psychiatrists on the use of Cognitive behavioural therapy in their day to day practice. Dr. Jed Boardman and Dr. Mike Slade, both practising in London, and Dr. Glenn Roberts from Devon will speak on implementing Recovery in mental health services. Dr. Ena Lavelle, a member of the College Faculty of Social & Rehabilitation Psychiatry, will present findings of a Mental Health Commission funded research on the impact of Rehabilitation services in Ireland, which she led.

There will be a number of workshops during both days focussing on social psychiatry and service development.

This conference will give an opportunity for Irish psychiatrists in attendance to hear the latest research in Social Psychiatry and Recovery, and also give an opportunity to debate the issues in Psychiatry today.

[For the Full Spring Conference 2012 programme please click here.](#)

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