

Islington Mental Health & Poverty Networking Forum and IFF presents:

**Best Practice and Networking Conference**  
**Mental Health & Poverty – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**  
**in the Council Chamber, Islington Town Hall**

Programme:

- 09.30**                      **Registration & Drinks**
- 10.00                      **Welcome – Rev. Jennifer Potter, IFF Chair**
- 10.05                      Cllr. Jean Roger Kaseki & Cllr. Janet Burgess – Our Hosts at Islington Council
- 10.15                      **Key Theme – Mental Health: Looking to the Future – Karen Mellanby,**  
Director of Networks and Communities, Mind UK
- 10.35**                      **Questions from the Audience**
- 10.45                      **Lived Experience – Mental Health & Poverty – Service User**
- 11.00                      **Key Theme – Poverty, Inequality & Wellbeing: Kristina Glenn, Cripplegate**  
Foundation + Sarah Lyall, New Economics Foundation
- 11.20**                      **Questions from the Audience**
- 11.30**                      **Break**
- 11.45                      **Break-out Groups – To discuss:**  
i) The impact of Welfare Reform? Other concerns around poverty?  
ii) What are the emerging mental health needs in Islington?  
iii) What can we do and How to support mental health & poverty issues?
- 13.00**                      **Lunch & Networking**
- 14.00                      **Case Studies of Best Practice in i) Mental Health and ii) Poverty related**  
services (Advocacy; Peer Support; Care in the Community – an holistic  
approach) from: Manor Gardens Health Advocacy Project; SHP;  
St Mungo's; Islington Law Centre; Rethink Mental Illness.
- 15.00**                      **Question Panel**
- 15.15                      The Way Forward
- 15.30                      **Close**

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**The Conference Aims:**

- To raise awareness of current issues around mental health & poverty (incl. the impact of welfare reform on mental health) .
- To involve service users in the dialogue.
- To reduce the stigma around mental ill health
- To present examples of best practice in mental health & poverty related services
- To promote more joined up work across all sectors
- To include hard to reach groups

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\* There will be **stalls** and **information packs** on available services for issues relating to mental health & poverty.