

# Dublin City University

# 2nd Health4Life Conference

Thinking, Feeling, Being: Critical Perspectives and Creative Engagement in Psychosocial Health

*Ag Smaoineamh, ag Mothú, a Bheith Ann: Peirspictíochtaí Criticiúla agus Rannpháirtíocht Chruthaíoch i Sláinte Síceasóisialta*

10th – 12th September 2007



## Conference Aims and Objectives

The title of the conference; "Thinking, Feeling, Being" reflects the idea that the experience of health and illness is bound up with our reasoning, emotional and social selves and that similarly; effective healthcare practice involves critical thinking, emotional engagement and awareness of peoples' individual social and cultural contexts. To help us to fully explore these dimensions, the conference will incorporate a mixture of academic and arts based presentations. The official language of the conference is English. The conference provides an opportunity for psychosocial health practitioners, service users, carers, artists, academics and researchers to present innovative practice, research and/or lived experience relative to psychosocial well-being.

## Themes

Key note speakers come from a range of positions and perspectives and will encourage dialogue and debate with the audience on conference themes.

The themes of this conference include:

- Recovery and rehabilitation
- Community and communities that care
- Risk and power
- Advances in psychiatric care and treatment
- "Therapy"
- Bodies and embodiment
- Cultures, understandings and meanings
- Working with/Facilitating expressions of the Self

## Keynote Speakers and Special Guests Include


- Professor Thomas Szasz
- Professor Arthur Frank
- Assoc. Professor Priscilla Ridgway
- Professor Dawn Freshwater
- Professor Paul Verhaeghe
- Professor Phil Barker
- Dr Siobhán Barry
- Theatre performance by Smashing Times [www.smashingtimes.ie/](http://www.smashingtimes.ie/)

**DCU**

# Dublin City University

## 2nd Health4Life Conference

In collaboration with  
**HEALTH  
QWest**

Supported by  
The National Council  
for the Professional Development  
of Nursing and Midwifery

Thinking, Feeling, Being: Critical Perspectives and Creative Engagement in Psychosocial Health  
*Ag Smaoineamh, ag Mothú, a Bheith Ann: Peirspictíochtaí Criticiúla  
agus Rannpháirtíocht Chruthaíoch i Sláinte Síceasóisialta*  
10th – 12th September 2007

### Preliminary Timetable

#### Monday 10th of September

- 08.30 Registration
- 09.00 Opening Remarks – Welcome
- 09.15 **Keynote Address – Assoc Prof Priscilla Ridgway**
- 10.00 Refreshment Break
- 10.20 Performance
- 11.15 **Keynote Address – Prof Arthur Frank**  
How Stories Make Experience Possible, and How They Make Life Dangerous
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Refreshment Break
- 15.25 **Keynote Address – Prof Phil Barker**  
What's the point?: The death of vocation in the age of celebrity
- 16.10 Panel Discussion (Chair – Paddy McGowan)
- 17.15 Close
- 17.30 **Drinks at Matt Weldon's Bar**

#### Tuesday 11th of September

- 08.45 Registration
- 09.15 **Keynote Address – Prof Thomas Szasz**  
Psychopathology and Psychotherapy: Mendacity and Metaphor
- 10.00 **Keynote Address – Prof Paul Verhaeghe**  
“Chronicle of a death foretold”: the end of psychotherapy
- 10.45 Refreshment Break
- 11.10 Panel Discussion (Chair Prof Chris Stevenson)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.30 Break
- 17.00 Close
- 19.00 **Conference Dinner – Jameson's Distillery**

#### Wednesday 12th of September

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 **Keynote Address – Dr Siobhán Barry**
- 10.15 **Keynote Address – Prof Dawn Freshwater**
- 11.00 Refreshment Break
- 13.30 Closing Remarks
- 13.45 Lunch and finish

#### Registration details

To register for the conference please go to <http://www.dcu.ie/health4life/conferences/2007/Registration.php>

For further information regarding payment/registration  
email: [eimear.stewart@dcu.ie](mailto:eimear.stewart@dcu.ie)

Tel: 00 353 1 700 7987

