

Thursday 19th January 2012

SCIENTIFIC MEETING: Intelligent Kindness: Reforming the Culture of Healthcare

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Registration and tea
from 6:30pm - 7:00pm
Hughes Parry Hall
University of London
36-45 Cartwright Gardens
London WC1H 9EF
(Close to Russell Square tube and Euston Station)

Fee: £30
(OPUS Associates £15)
*(Students £15)
includes refreshments and lunch
*Please bring confirmation of status

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Presenters: John Ballatt and Penny Campling

Chaired by: Chris Tanner and Dr. Pam Shaw

John Ballatt and Penny Campling have both worked in the NHS for many years, John as an executive director of a mental health trust and more recently as a consultant to organisations, and Penny as a consultant medical psychotherapist running a service for people diagnosed with severe personality disorder. Formative in their thinking, was their training in group dynamics and especially their experience working in Therapeutic Communities.

Relentless regulatory and structural 'reforms' have failed to avert scandals and left many health service staff feeling alienated. The speakers will explore the conditions which facilitate or impede compassion in healthcare and the organisations that provide it. They will discuss some of the ideas from their recent book, of the same title. Given the recent history of concern and anxiety, and the threat of more changes through reorganisation of the NHS, they argue that this perspective is more critical than ever.