



## PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION (PSR) NOVA SCOTIA CHAPTER 2017 CONFERENCE

**Conference theme: Effective Approaches for Nurturing Recovery**

Join us in the beautiful city of Halifax for opportunities to learn, share knowledge/information and network with others in the field.

**When: September 21-22, 2017**

**Where:** Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21  
1055 Marginal Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia



**Online Registration:** <https://register.esourceEvent.com/PSRNSChapter17>

### Keynote Speakers

**Robert Drake (M.D., Ph.D)** is the Andrew Thomson Professor of Health Policy and Clinical Practice at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, NH USA and Vice President of the Westat Corporation. His work on psychiatric rehabilitation over four decades, including integrated treatments for people with dual disorders, evidence-based mental health practices, implementing vocational services, and has helped to shift mental health services toward greater resonance with clients' goals. He has conducted numerous research projects, published over 600 journal articles and books, and trained many successful researchers.

**Deborah R. Becker (M.Ed., CRC)** is the Research Senior Associate and Director, IPS Learning Community, at the IPS Employment Center, the Rockville Institute at Westat. She has been a rehabilitation specialist for 30 years. Ms. Becker has held project director positions for vocational, housing, and dual diagnosis research studies. She co-developed the SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practice Supported Employment Implementation Resource Kit. She oversees the IPS International Learning Community, also known as the Johnson & Johnson – Dartmouth Community Mental Health Program, which is organized to improve access to IPS, the evidenced-based approach to supported employment, in twenty states and three European countries.

**Laura Burke** is drama therapist, certified counsellor, researcher, and public speaker. She also moonlights as a poet, playwright and actor who uses the arts as a means of advocating for those impacted by mental illness. She is currently writing *Mad Ones* a play about women impacted by trauma and madness in the 18th century, and a semiautobiographical circus themed solo play called *Tight Rope* about navigating professionalism and vulnerability. Laura has been diagnosed with several mental illnesses listed in the DSM over the years including schizophrenia, but prefers to identify as a mad person. Much of her work involves deconstructing sanism and stigma and supporting others in redefining anomalous experience. She also has particular interests in balancing the practices of vulnerability with professional responsibility, and the imperative of compassion in reducing mental health discrimination in our modern world.

## September 21, 2017

### Keynotes Presentations

- 9:15 am – 10:30 am: Dr. Robert Drake – We are in this together: Integration of Mental Health and Addictive Services
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm: Deborah R. Becker- Moving Forward Through Work: Using Evidence-based Supported Employment

### PSR Canada Luncheon/Lunch

- 12:00 pm – 12:55 pm: PSR Canada Luncheon: Overview of PSR Canada Registry, Education program and CPRRP Celebration and Lunch

### Concurrent Workshop Presentations

- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm:
- Dr. Robert Drake -Integrated Service Model: Challenges and Treatment in Mental Health and Addictive Services.
  - Dr. John Higenbottam - Making Recovery Real in my Practice – How do I do it?
- 2:05 pm – 3:05 pm:
- Deborah Becker- The Nuts and Bolts of Conducting Job Development
  - Scott Janssen -Motivational Interviewing: A Gentle Conversation About Change
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Mental Health Commission of Canada Update by Louise Chenier & Brenda Main – Supporting Individuals with Mental Illness to find Meaningful Employment

## September 22, 2017

### Keynotes Presentations

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am: Laura Burke – The Role of Compassion in Promoting Recovery

### Concurrent Workshop Presentations

- 10:30 am – 11:30 am:
- Jaime Stanley - Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for Anxiety: Helping People Overcome their Social Fears to Nurture Recovery”
  - Connie Corse – Supporting Recovery Through Employment

### Panel Discussion

- 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm: Panel Discussion: Employment Opportunities for People with Mental Illness

## Call for Poster Presentation:

We are inviting submissions for Poster Presentations at the September 2017 PSR Conference. Presenters have opportunity to share their recovery-oriented work/experience. Poster gallery will be available throughout the duration of the conference in a designated poster gallery room. An official poster presentation time will be designated.



Interested poster presenters are invited send in an abstract of no more than one page, double-spaced, using the following outline: Author(s) Name(s) including first and last name and all applicable degrees/credential; Corresponding Author’s Address and e-mail; Poster Title; Background/Context; Study Objectives, Methods/Design, Subjects, Results and Conclusions; OR program description, setting, participants, data documenting implementation and or impact of the program, etc.

Abstracts are due before **July 15, 2017**. Conference committee intends to accept as many poster presentations as possible; however, all poster proposals will be reviewed for quality and fit with the conference. Poster presenters will be notified by July 29, 2017.

Please send abstract by e-mail attachment to [kelly.murphy@nshealth.ca](mailto:kelly.murphy@nshealth.ca).

### Guidelines for Poster Presentation:

- **Poster presenters must register for the conference.**
- Tables will be available for poster display. Use of tri fold poster display is suggested/recommended
- Handouts are recommended and are the responsibly of the poster presenter.
- Removal of posters at the end of the display remains the responsibility of the presenter(s)

## Conference Rate/Registration

**Full Registration** fees include the following: access to all conference sessions and poster sessions; conference materials and proceedings; all conference meals.

**Single Day Registration** fees include the following: access to all conference sessions and poster sessions; conference materials and proceedings and conference meals for the day purchased.

### Register as a PSR Canada Members

- \$250.00 Full Conference (Sept 21 & 22, 2017)
- \$150.00 One Day Only (Sept 21, 2017)
- \$100.00 One Day Only (Sept 22, 2017)

### Register as a Non-PSR Canada Members

- \$300.00 Full Conference (Sept 21 & 22, 2017)
  - \$200.00 One Day Only (Sept 21, 2017)
  - \$125.00 One Day Only (Sept 22, 2017)
- To become a member visit [www.psrrpscanada.ca](http://www.psrrpscanada.ca)

### Others (lived experience, families and students)

- \$30.00 Full Conference – Sept 21 & 22, 2017 – People with lived experience who cannot afford full conference rate
- \$50.00 Full Conference (Sept 21-22, 2017). Families of people with lived experience who cannot afford full conference rate
- Student rate: \$100.00 Full Conference (Sept 21-22, 2017). Valid school ID required

## Online Registration and Payment Method:

**Online registration:** <https://register.esourceEvent.com/PSRNSChapter17>

At-the-door registration or telephone registration will not be accommodated. Payments of Debit Card, American Express, MasterCard and Visa are accepted online. If you are paying by cheque, you will receive an invoice to mail your cheque or money order to:

PSR NS 2017 Conference,  
Room B108A, Marshall Building,  
294 Pleasant Street  
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2Y 3S3

### Confirmation & Cancellation Policy:

Participation is not confirmed until payment is received. Confirmation receipt will be sent by email upon receipt of payment. All fees are non-refundable; however, you may allow an alternate person to attend in your absence. Alternate names must be received no later than Thursday September 14, 2017.

### Accommodations:

There is no single hotel designated for this conference. Conference delegates could access downtown hotels or other options within walking distance to Pier 21. Delegates may want to use this link for information on where to stay in downtown Halifax <http://www.destinationhalifax.com/where-to-stay>

**For information or question about the conference, please go to our website:** [www.psrrpscanada.ca](http://www.psrrpscanada.ca)  
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