

Sussex Psychosis Research interest Group (SPRiG) Newsletter

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SPRiG—Year One

SPRiG Presentations

We have had a great first year and a half from May 2010, with some interesting and stimulating SPRiG talks from local researchers to Professor Yung from Melbourne. Our thanks extend to Prof Dan Freeman (Oxford University), Prof Alison Yung (PACE clinic, Melbourne), Dr Clara Strauss (Sussex Partnership Trust), Dr Nick Medford (BSMS), Dr Vyv Huddy (Institute of Psychiatry), Dr Katherine Berry (University of Manchester), Dr. Mark Hayward (SPT), Professor Jackie Casell (BSMS), Dr. Rick Fraser and Dr. Richard Whale (BSMS and SPT), and Manuela Jarrett (IoP).

SPRiG Core Research Group

Our core research group has met several times, with an upcoming meeting in November.

SURF Group

Our SURF group (Service user research forum) has met three times with a regular meetings in set up.

SPRiG online

We have our website up and running at www.sussex.ac.uk/spriglab. Log on to find out more about SPRiG research and to access our research resources and publications.

SPRiG Fundraising

Last Christmas we held our first charity event (the Christmas Pudding Race) to raise money for SPRiG research and friends of Early Intervention in Psychosis. Log on to www.sussex.ac.uk/spriglab to see our contestants in action! And more exciting fundraising events to follow...



SPRiG Research Grants

SPRiG researchers have secured two successful Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) grants for close to £400,000.

Dr. Kathryn Greenwood and colleagues were awarded £207,000 for *improving Engagement of Young people in Early interventions: the EYE project*

Dr. Mark Hayward and colleagues were awarded £182,436 for *Group Mindfulness Based Therapy for distressing voices: A pragmatic randomized controlled trial*

Plus 6 new grant applications submitted this year

SPRiG art/photography competition

We were delighted with the response to our artwork/photography competition in support of our website.

The image shown here was provided by our overall winner, Amit Jagdev., who stated that '*such a tiny element of nature against the huge vast sky inspires hope that even the smallest elements can stand strong against overwhelming ones.*'



Please see www.sussex.ac.uk/spriglab for more artwork.

Please contact Dr. Kathryn Greenwood (k.e.greenwood@sussex.ac.uk) for discussion regarding new research proposals, grants, and interests.

Please contact Clio (c.berry@sussex.ac.uk) to be added to the SPRiG distribution list and to obtain or provide information on news, events, publications, speakers etc.