



# Live Town Hall

## Exploring Dialogical Responses in a Time of Crisis

### PEERS AND OPEN DIALOGUE

The HOPENDialogue project, Open Excellence and Mad in America invite you to an ongoing series of ‘Town Hall’ discussions exploring the challenges, learnings, and opportunities for personal and societal growth found through dialogical responses to crisis in the age of COVID.

As Open Dialogue has been adopted into mental health care in communities around the world, peers have been increasingly recognized as an integral part of the team. However, their roles, titles, and training have been part of an evolving conversation. In this Town Hall we will explore this dialogue with peers from the Netherlands, Finland, the U.K., and Ireland, and a reflecting team from Finland and Israel. Join us.

Please register below for this 90-minute panel (with Q&A). **Friday, December 11 at 5:00 PM BST, Noon U.S. EST, 9:00 AM Pacific Time.**

We will email you a Zoom link on the day. Registration for the live Zoom is limited but we will also live-stream on [Mad in America’s Facebook page](#) and post to YouTube afterwards.

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#### Hosts

Kermit Cole and Louisa Putnam are inspired by Open Dialogue to respond as a team to individuals, couples and families in crisis. They have hosted symposia in Santa Fe, New Mexico, exploring intersections between Open Dialogue, Hearing Voices, and other dialogical approaches, and studied under Jaakko Seikkula to be OD trainers.

#### Reflecting team

Mia Kurtti is a nurse, MSc, Family Therapy and Open Dialogue trainer and supervisor. She has been working in mental health services as a nurse in Western Lapland, Finland since 2002 with individuals and their networks. She has also been a trainer on many international Open Dialogue/ Collaborative training programmes.

Lion Gai Meir leads the development of the lived experience department in Enosh, the Israeli Mental Health Association. She is a graduate of the first Open Dialogue Israel course and volunteers as a board member for “Open Dialogue Israel”.

Lila Anand accompanies families in times of crises as part of an OD team, as well as in one-on-one meetings. Her greatest interests are exploring the complex position of professionals with lived experience and making Open Dialogue a public service in Israel.

#### Chat moderators

Charmaine Harris is an in-house Open Dialogue Trainer for East London NHS Foundation Trust in the UK. She is also an Open Dialogue Specialist Practitioner for the ODDESSI research study and a Tutor of the 4 week residential Peer Supported Open Dialogue (POD) UK training.

#### Panelists



Martijn Kole is one of the founders of Enik Recovery College, and a peer leader in the Netherlands. He is one of the leading persons in the Dutch peer-supported open dialogue movement.



Rai Waddingham is an Open Dialogue Practitioner, international trainer, and has created, established and managed innovative Hearing Voices Network projects in youth, prison, forensic, inpatient and community settings.



Matthew Weadon works primarily as an existential psychotherapist, is a trainee psychologist and identifies as a peer with lived experience. He is currently conducting PhD research in peer experiences of delivering Open Dialogue.



Nuala Kenny is a survivor of interventions by psychiatry. I have been working as a Peer Support Recovery Worker on the ground on a Community Mental Health Team and as a facilitator on an Open Dialogue team in Bantry, West Cork, Ireland.



Hannele Makiollitervo is a peer specialist from Tornio, Finland, currently involved in training and research in the Western Lapland health care district. She studied Leadership Psychology at University of Lapland.

Sherrine Barrowes is a Senior Peer Open Dialogue Practitioner and Counsellor/ Psychotherapist for Thurrock & Brentwood MIND and in private practice. Her journey as a psychotherapist began at the London School of Counselling and Psychotherapy in 2012. She is currently on the Mentorship Open Dialogue Programme.

Also supporting the chat:  
Bruce Flagg  
Cindy Peterson-Dana  
Rhonda L. Speight  
Matthew Wheadon.