



University of Central Lancashire

# Conference: Recovery and Social Justice

Transforming mental health at individual, service and societal levels

**Wednesday 9th October 2013**

**Location:** Westleigh Conference Centre, University of Central Lancashire

**How should we understand recovery? Is it a model for transforming mental health services? Is it a strategy for wider social justice? Is it used to legitimise a reduction in support for mental health service users? How do the US, Canadian and UK experiences differ?**

This one day conference, hosted by Mental Health Research @ UCLan, will explore the nature and practical consequences of a recovery orientation in mental health for individuals, services and wider society. There will be a particular focus on considering to what extent recovery promotes social justice.

This conference will be of interest to those concerned with a critical perspective on recovery and the concrete implications for practice to achieve social change: including service users, carers, advocates, researchers, mental health professionals, commissioners and managers, and third sector organisations.

## Speakers will include:

**Larry Davidson** (Professor of Psychology, Programme for Recovery and Community Health, Yale)

**Kathryn Church** (Director of the School of Disability Studies, Ryerson University, Toronto)

**Karen Newbigging** and **Karen Machin** (University of Central Lancashire)

**Hari Sewell** (Senior Visiting Fellow at University of Central Lancashire)

**Geoff Shepherd** (Recovery Lead at the Centre for Mental Health)

**Comensus** (UCLan's community engagement and service user support group)

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**Cost:** £80 with bursaries available for service users and carers

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