

Music Therapy and Dementia Care in the 21st Century

September 4-6 2015, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge

This conference will be the first in the UK to focus specifically on music therapy and dementia. The number of people reported to be living with dementia worldwide is steadily increasing; this has led to an increased demand for therapies and care approaches which emphasise non-verbal means of relating. This conference will be of particular importance to all music therapists, students and other professionals interested in work with people who have dementia.

Presentations and workshops will focus upon multidisciplinary work with other practitioners and include contributions from people suffering from dementia; a balance between theory, clinical practice, research and the impact of music therapy will be offered.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr David Aldridge

Editor of the book 'Music Therapy in Dementia Care' (JKP, 2000)

Ming Hsu

Methodist Homes (MHA) and Anglia Ruskin University

Professor Hanne Mette Ridder,

Director of Music Therapy Research, Aalborg University, Denmark

Dr Orii McDermott:

Music Therapy researcher, University College London



The conference is organised by the Music Therapy team within the Department of Music and Performing Arts, chaired by Professor Helen Odell-Miller, Director of the Music for Health Research Centre, in collaboration with Methodist Homes (MHA), a major employer of music therapists in the UK, and the British Association for Music Therapy (BAMT). The opening address will be given by Adrian Bagg CEO of MHA.

This conference will be linked to a preceding one-day conference on Friday Sept 4th, 'The Role of the Arts Therapies in Dementia Care in the 21st Century', sponsored by ICRA (International Consortium for Research in the Arts Therapies), which will focus on Dance Movement Therapy, Dramatherapy, Art Therapy and Music Therapy. Delegates can book for one conference or both.

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