

Faculty of Rehabilitation and Social Psychiatry Conference

24-25 September 2026

Royal College of Psychiatrists, London and live streamed



Thursday 24 September

8.15am-8.55am	Registration, refreshments and poster exhibition viewing
9.00am-9.05am	Welcome to day one Dr Raj Mohan, academic secretary, Faculty of Rehabilitation & Social Psychiatry
9.05am-9.15am	Faculty Chair's introduction to the conference Dr Andrew Molodynski, Chair of the Faculty
9.15am-9.40am	Keynote 1 "When psychotic illness is difficult to treat" Professor Fiona Gaughran, Professor of Physical Health and Clinical Therapeutics in Psychiatry. Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience & South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
9.40am-9.45am	Q&A
9.45am-10.40am	Symposium 1 "From bottlenecks to pathways: how rehabilitation enables whole-system performance" Dr Amrith Shetty & MHIST team, Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
10.40am-11.10am	Break and poster exhibition viewing

11.10am-11.35am	Keynote 2 <i>“The ACER Study; final results and implications for the whole system approach to mental health rehabilitation services”</i> Professor Helen Killaspy, Professor of rehabilitation psychiatry at University College London		
11.35am-11.40am	Q&A		
11.40am-12.30pm	Symposium 2 TBC		
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch and poster exhibition viewing		
	3 Parallel workshops		
1.30pm – 2.25pm	Workshop 1 RCPsych Women’s Mental Health Strategy. Dr Cath Durkin, Dr Philippa Greenfield	Workshop 2 (TBC)	Workshop 3 Quality Network for Mental Health Rehabilitation Bethan Thibaut
2.25pm-2.30pm	Workshops changeover time		
2.30pm-3.25pm	Workshop 1 (repeated) RCPsych Women’s Mental Health Strategy. Dr Cath Durkin, Dr Philippa Greenfield	Workshop 2 (repeated) (TBC)	Workshop 3 (repeated) AIMS -Rehab Bethan Thibaut
3.25pm-3.55pm	Break and poster exhibition viewing		

3.55pm - 4.20pm	Keynote 3 <i>Recovery Colleges: What do psychiatrists need to know?</i> Professor Claire Henderson, Professor of Public Mental Health at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN) Kings College London
4.20pm-4.25pm	Q&A
4.25pm - 4.50pm	Keynote 4 <i>An appreciation of the life and art of Dr Mounir Ekdawi (with the art exhibition)</i> Dr Sarah Ekdawi, University of Oxford
4.50pm - 4.55pm	Q&A
5.10pm	Close of day one

Friday 24 September 2026

8.30am	Registration, refreshments and poster exhibition viewing
9.00am-9.05am	Welcome to day two Dr Hina Tahseen, Vice chair, Rehabilitation and Social Psychiatry Faculty
9.05am-9.30am	Keynote 6 <i>“Supporting people's needs for love and intimacy: what's the role for mental health Rehab services?”</i> Professor Bryn Lloyd Evans, Professor of Mental Health and Social Inclusion, Division of Psychiatry, UCL
9.30am-9.35am	Q&A
9.35am-10.05am	Douglas Bennett Prize presentations (chaired by Professor Helen Killaspy)

10.05am-11.00am	Symposium 3 <i>"Homelessness and Inclusion Health - dealing with disadvantages and complex co-morbidity"</i> Dr Jenny Drife & team
11.00am-11.30am	Break and poster exhibition viewing
11.30am-11.50am	<i>"Rethinking Mental Illness: From Causal Mechanisms to Precision Immunotherapy"</i> Professor Golam Khandekar, Professor of Psychiatry and Immunology, and MRC Investigator, Head, Immunopsychiatry Programme, MRC Integrative Epidemiology Unit, Bristol Medical School
11.50am-11.55am	Q&A
11.55am-12.40pm	Symposium 4 Adapting to changes in community mental health care Dr Sridevi Kalidindi, Dr Christina Kyriakidou (TBC)
12.40pm-1.30pm	Lunch and poster exhibition viewing
1.30pm-1.55pm	Keynote 8 <i>"The Rehabilitation Stress Test for Artificial Intelligence: Ethics, Safety and Governance for the Patients Algorithms Cannot See."</i> Dr Hina Tahseen, Consultant Psychiatrist, Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Lecturer, School of Medicine, Cardiff University & Vice Chair, RCPsych Rehabilitation and Social Psychiatry Faculty
1.55pm-2.00pm	Q&A
2.00pm-2.45pm	1. Faculty Annual General meeting Agenda: 1. Update from Faculty Chair 2. Update from Faculty Vice Chair 3. Update from Faculty Finance Officer

	4. Discussion on Faculty Priorities 2. Faculty awards ceremony 1. Medical student essay prize 2. Faculty poster prize 3. Douglas Bennett research prize 4. Faculty International Fellowship award
2.45pm-3.15pm	Keynote 9 TBC
3.15pm-3.20pm	Q&A
3.20pm-4.20pm	Symposium 5 <i>Screening of film and a Q&A with creative therapies panel</i> Bethlem Gallery & South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
4.20pm – 4.25pm	Vote of thanks and close

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