

UEL SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY PRESENTS

De-medicalising Misery

Friday 14th September 2007

University of East London, Docklands Campus

A one-day conference to mark the retirement of Professor Mary Boyle and to celebrate 30 years of clinical psychology training at UEL

De-medicalising Misery examines the effects of our current understandings of distress, and explores ways to rethink them. The conference brings together psychiatrists, service users and clinical psychologists at the forefront of this work to ask:

- Are there more constructive ways to think about human suffering?
- Can we do without diagnosis?
- How good is the evidence for individualised therapeutic assistance?
- How can we develop a better understanding of the social and cultural causes of distress?
- Can we find ways helping that do not implicitly accept medicalised explanations of misery?

Confirmed speakers include: Prof. Richard Bentall, Dr. Pat Bracken, Peter Campbell, Dr. David Healy, Dr. Joanna Moncrieff, Prof. David Smail, Prof. Phil Thomas and Prof. Arlene Vetere.

The conference will combine academic rigour with accessibility to the public. While we expect many of the audience to be professionals, we actively encourage anyone with an interest in the future of mental health services to attend. Places are limited. For more information, contact **Prof. Mark Rapley** (m.rapley@uel.ac.uk) or call **07951 908409**.

Costs: Waged £120.00, BPS Member £ 90.00, Students £25.00, Unwaged/Service User FREE.
Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

