

Come one! Come all!

# **MAD PRIDE WEEK**

**When: July 13 to July 19 2009**

**Where: City of Toronto**

A week long festival of arts, education and heritage activities which recognize psychiatric survivors, consumers, mad folks and others for the purpose of community development, rights awareness and celebration. All events are free.

**Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**CAMH**

**(Centre for Addiction and Mental Health)**

**1001 Queen Street West (meet on front patio, Ossington entrance)**

**3PM to 4:30PM - DSM Bonfire**

**Presented by Empowerment Council**

**The DSM tells us we are mentally ill if we are addicted to coffee – Caffeine Related Disorders, page 231. Have struggles with reading - Reading Disorders, page 51. If we don't think we are crazy then we are suffering from Non Compliance with Treatment page 739/**

**Enough with the labels, bring on the marshmallows!**

**Join us for a (symbolic) bonfire where we burn labels and all words that limit who we are as human beings and celebrate our abilities.**

**Marshmallows and hot chocolate and a sing along**

**\*please note there will be no real fire just a symbolic one.**

**6PM – 8:30PM: The Patient Built Wall Tour,  
guided by Geoffrey Reaume.**

**The purpose of this tour is to remember the contributions of the men and women who lived, worked, and died in the Toronto Hospital for the Insane. This is represented by the nineteenth century patient built**

**boundary walls, which stand as enduring testament to their abilities and a monument to their memory. We hold up this past symbol of exclusion to challenge discrimination that is experienced today by people who have a psychiatric history**

**Geoffrey Reaume, Psychiatric Survivor Archives Toronto.**

**8:30PM-9PM: Memorial**

**Attendees are invited to a post wall tour memorial which will pay tribute to those who went before us. Organizers ask guests to bring words that lend meaning to the moment. Candles will be lit.**

**Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**METRO HALL, ROTUNDA  
55 John Street (King and John Streets)**

**A gallery of original art, crafts, displays and information from 11am to 5pm**

**Demonstrators include artists from Houselink Community Homes, Soundtimes Support Services, and the PARC Art Group and others, along with the postings of individual artists Naomi Laufer, Sarah Griffin and others and information from Street to Tail, A-Way Couriers, Street Health, Simply People and more.**

**Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**World Mad Pride Day**

**11AM – 12NOON: Opening Ceremony**

**Join the Mad Pride organizers for:**

**\*The Reading of the Mad Pride Week Proclamation**

**\*With MC Peggy Gail Dehal Ramson PCLS and special guests;**

**The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario  
Ontario Human Rights Chief Commission Barbara Hall  
MPP, Cheri Di Novo**

**Presentations from: Voices from the Street, A reading from by  
Caroline Kwok, Poetry by Naomi Laufer, a song lead by Frank Hall .  
Heinz Klein and The Friendly Spike Theatre Band**

**12NOON – 1PM - LUNCH – light refreshments generously provided by  
Out of This World Café and The Raging Spoon  
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**IMPROVISE!**

**1PM – 2PM – Presentation; Hugging Our History: Why Psychiatric  
Survivors need to ‘own’ our Mad past.**

**By Geoffrey Reaume**

**2PM – 2PM – Presentation: Living History Project**

**By Griffin Epstein and PARC**

**Presentation includes a twenty minute documentary along with a  
presentation.**

**Time spent on Q. and A.**

**Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Know Your Rights Day**

**11AM – 12 NOON Presentation: Dream Team –**

**The Dream Team is a group of consumer survivors who advocate for  
more safe, secure and affordable supportive housing for people living  
with mental health and addiction issues. They do this by telling their  
personal stories about the life-altering benefits of supportive housing, by**

**tackling discrimination and stigma, and by working to eliminate barriers to the creation of more supportive housing through public education, research and advocacy.**

**Over the last year the Dream Team has worked with various groups and communities across Ontario to explore the issue of discriminatory zoning. In this presentation members of the Dream Team will illustrate the concept of discriminatory zoning and the impact on people with mental health and addiction issues.**

**12NOON – 12:15: Presentation: PARC Ambassadors Program**

**PARC Ambassadors program is a community consultation by the Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre with the Parkdale Community. The purpose and the goal of the program is to engage, inform and consult with residents and stakeholders in the community in relation to our building development Edmond Place. The program consists of 9 Ambassadors whom are PARC Members receiving remuneration for the work they do. It is peer and member driven, incorporating and building on the principles and values of the recovery model and PARC's Mission –PARC – A Place Where People Rebuild Their Lives. When the Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre acquired the building from the City of Toronto to develop affordable, social housing for marginalized persons in our community there was extreme opposition to PARC by residents and stakeholders in Parkdale. Since the PARC Ambassadors Program inception in September 2007 we have progressed from a state of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) to one of YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard). The PARC Ambassadors Program has been successful with their community consultation and public relations in Parkdale. It has proven that marginalized people do have a commitment to their community, have all the necessary attributes and capabilities to be productive, contribute to their neighbourhood and society, and live a healthy, meaningful and fulfilling life.**

**PARC Ambassadors will discuss their work at this presentation**

**12:15 NOON – 1PM – Lunch –light refreshments generously provided by Out of this World Café and The Raging Spoon**

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## **IMPROVISE**

**1PM – 2PM – Presentation – Legal Jeopardy by Parkdale Community Legal Services (PCLS)**

**2PM -3 PM- – David Carmichael**

## **QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS**

**When it comes to treating your own mental illnesses, we often assume that doctors and other mental health professionals always know what's best. During this presentation, David will raise a few issues about scientific drug research and help you understand, based on his own experience recovering from major depression, how important it is for people suffering from mental illnesses to take responsibility for their own recovery and rehabilitation by asking their doctors and mental health workers questions, questions and more questions, and by becoming regularly physically active.**

**David holds a masters degree in physical education and is the former director of national projects at ParticipACTION. After experiencing his first major depression in 2003 at the age of 45 and a relapse in 2004, he tragically learned the importance of good mental health and does not assume that doctors always know what's best.**

**(opportunity will be given for the audience to ask questions)**

**3PM – 4PM Street Nurse Beth Pelton**

**Beth Pelton is a registered nurse currently working with Street Health Community Nursing. Most of her nursing work has been in the community, and with people living with cancer. Her experiences have included working in medical and geriatric and psychiatric nursing. In practicing from a Harm Reduction philosophy she is learning deeper meanings about Client-Directed Care and Client-Centered Care.**

**Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Madly Theatrical

**11AM -12 NOON Presentation; Mind Storm, by Mortimer Christie**

**Mind Storm is a play about Michael, a person with mental health issues around schizophrenia. Michael spends a 24-hour period of time, each month, in a local park experiencing audio and visual hallucinations. Featuring Henrik Kartna**

**12 NOON – 12:45 NOON – Presentation; films by Helen Posno**

**IMPEDIMENTA – which deals with the homelessness of mankind in the universe**

**MY SILENT LIVES – which deals with both the lightness and the darkness of the human spirit.**

**12:45 NOON – 1:30PM Lunch – Light refreshments generously provided by Out of the World Café and The Raging Spoon.**

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**IMPROVISE!**

**1:30PM – 2:30PM – Play by The Friendly Spike Theatre Band**

**Moving To My Own Beat**

**A diverse group of students attend a lecture they won't ever forget.**

**2:30PM – 2:45PM Presentation: Clay and Paper Theatre**

**2:45PM – 4PM: Open Stage**

**Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Towards a Mad Peoples Studies**

**1PM -2PM:** Panel discussion, topic tba; with Erick Fabris, Onar Usar, Joel Zablosky and others.

**2PM – 2:45PM:** Essya Nabbali

**“Mad Pride toward a democratic utopia”**

**Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**CAMH**

**(centre for addiction and mental health)**

**1001 Queen Street West, Toronto**

**12NOON to 1PM - Mad Tea Party**

**Presented by the Empowerment Council and CAMH Peer Staff**

**1PM – 2:30PM Bed Push Pride Parade,  
Led by The PARC Drummers**

**A unique pride procession of individuals, agencies and organizations that pushes a gurney dressed like a bed with sheets that shout words that reclaim what was once lost; ‘Hope’, ‘Education’, ‘Friends’, and more. The event is in celebration of ourselves and serves to strengthen our community.**

**\*1PM – Gather at CAMH front Patio for Special guests, Mad Pride Honours and Bobbi Nahwegahbow Memorial Awards**

**\*1:30PM – Push off**

**\*2:00PM – Rest station**

**\*2:30PM – arrive at PARC**

**2:30PM -5:00PM– Party!**

**Hosted by PARC**

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