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The Institute for Health and Social Science Research (IHSSR) invites you to join us for a presentation by Distinguished Visitor Dr Eddie McCann, Assistant Professor, Trinity College, Dublin. The presentation will be held on Rockhampton campus with ISL links to other CQUniversity campuses as detailed below. As it will be recorded, video streaming links will be available following the presentation.

Presenter: Assistant Prof Eddie McCann
Trinity College, Dublin
Executive Member of the Irish Institute of Mental Health Nursing

Title of presentation: *'LGBT Minds: Issues in Mental Health'*

When: Tuesday 29 May

Where: Building 33/Room G.14
Rockhampton Campus

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Other CQUniversity venues:

Bundaberg – 1/G.27
Emerald – Admin Building
Gladstone – 1/ 1.09
Mackay – 1/G.11
Noosa – Tute Room 6

Abstract:

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people face discrimination similar to other marginalized groups in society. Although being LGBT is no longer considered 'pathological,' studies demonstrate that LGBT people experience more psychological distress than heterosexual people and are at greater risk of mental health problems. Mental health practitioners may need to develop a better understanding of the relationship between sexual orientation and mental distress in order to be in a position to identify vulnerable individuals

and promote mental health among an already marginalized group of people. Gaps in knowledge remain around the experiences of LGBT people and Irish mental health services despite recommendations by LGBT groups. The approach used in the study was an exploratory design utilizing mixed methods. Both quantitative and qualitative data were collected. The overall aim of the research was to explore Irish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people's experiences of mental health service provision in the Republic of Ireland. The objectives were to identify LGBT-related experiences of mental health service use including barriers and opportunities, to highlight service gaps and to identify good practice in addressing the mental health and wellbeing of LGBT people. The findings will contribute to the development of a national policy framework for LGBT people that will promote positive mental health and full participation and inclusion in Irish society.

Bio:

Dr Eddie McCann RN RPN MSc PhD FHEA, Assistant Professor, Trinity College, Dublin, Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and Executive Member of the Irish Institute of Mental Health Nursing. His research interests include sexualities, service user and carer's views on holistic health provision, social disadvantage, and the development of psychological and social elements of health care delivery. He is currently exploring human sexualities and psychosocial issues as part of a recently awarded Trinity Research Fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Dr James Douglas | Science Communicator

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