The St. Vincent’s Open Dialogue Initiative presents:

Open Dialogue and Peer-work

Open Dialogue is an approach to integrated healthcare service delivery and a philosophical approach to caring for people experiencing a mental health crisis and their families and social networks. Originally developed in Finland, Open Dialogue has been adopted by health services worldwide, and more recently introduced to Australia. In 2017, a foundation training program in Open Dialogue was run in Queensland. In this program, clinicians and peer workers trained alongside each other so that they could work together with families in crisis using the approach. In addition, from November 2017, a three-year Open Dialogue training program will commence at St. Vincent’s Hospitals Sydney.

In this event, Nick Putman and Richard Armitage will introduce the Open Dialogue approach, the seven principles that underlie it, and the practice of facilitating network meetings, including the 12 elements of dialogic practice. They will introduce the project that is developing in Queensland and the training program that underpins it. There will be opportunity for discussion.

Speakers:

Nick Putman founded Open Dialogue UK in 2012 in order to support the development of the approach in the UK. Since then around one third of NHS trusts have sent teams to participate in a training in Open Dialogue or a related approach. Nick is a psychotherapist and certified Open Dialogue practitioner who specialises in working with people and families affected by psychosis. He is involved in several Open Dialogue trainings internationally.

Richard Armitage is a dialogical practitioner and trainer in Denmark at a large centre for supported living and rehabilitation. Originally trained as a psychologist and systemic family therapist, he began to work with Open Dialogue in 2005 while training in a relational and network approach with Tom Andersen in Tromsø. Jaakko Seikkula was one of the primary teachers during these 2 years, and Richard has maintained his involvement with this work since.

Time: Tuesday 31st October 2017, 6.30pm-9pm

Place: The Lecture Room, St. Vincent’s Clinic. 438, Victoria St, Darlinghurst NSW 2010

Places are $5 (paid at entrance) and are limited. Please email Ms Amy Peetz Amypeetz@outlook.com to register your attendance.