

PRESS RELEASE

PROUD TO BE IN RECOVERY FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL ISSUES

From 26th to 31st March 2012, Haringey will be celebrating its first ever Recovery Pride 2012—an exciting programme of events designed to motivate those struggling with drug and alcohol problems, celebrate the success of those in recovery, and tackle stigma in the wider community. Local service-users and staff have worked together to develop a logo and strapline which represents what recovery means to them, a Recovery Pride Charter outlining four key recovery pledges made by local services; and a book of recovery stories and artwork produced by local service-users.

During the week itself, we are holding recovery stalls; an exhibition of service-user's recovery-focused artwork, stories and poetry, and information about what support is available locally; and a celebration event for service-users, their families and friends and professionals to mark their achievements in recovery. A theatre performance organised by the Dual Diagnosis Network and created by service-users from across services will be premiered at this event. Each service is also holding their own activities, including a "What about me?" day for friends and families, a community café, a cycling event, a garden-seeding afternoon, poetry competitions, and a "Recovery Soundscape" featuring recovery stories set to music.

We hope that Recovery Pride will underline that:

- Recovery from drug and alcohol issues is possible
- People in recovery are valued and important members of society
- Stigma experienced by those tackling drug and alcohol issues must end
- We can all be the change we want to see

Further details about public events and the finale event to follow.

Please contact me with any questions at all. We would be really delighted if there was some press coverage of the event.

To view our Recovery Charter, visit:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ RecoveryPrideCharter_X2FZYBH

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