

## **Substance Use SIG Event Proposal/ Meeting Schedule**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Amsterdam**

This day long SIG meeting develops further the theme of 'long-term recovery' set out in the Special Interest Group's newly launched book, *Long-term Recovery: European Perspectives* (Galvani, Roy and Clayson, 2022). Published by Policy Press, the book is being launched at this year's ECSWR 2022 conference.

### **Substance Use SIG – Overview**

The Substance Use SIG meeting this year will focus on the theme '**Love and Loss in the Landscape of Recovery**'. This year we want to spend time together thinking, reflecting, listening and theorising – something that we have been missing for the last two years!

The theme has developed from our online discussion with group members from across Europe during the course of the last year and follows on from our work together on our newly published book. If successful, the SIG meeting will be accompanied by a research symposium on the topic in the main conference.

This SIG event will allow any researchers interested in the notion of recovery, be it from substance use or mental ill health or wider recovery experiences, to spend time reflecting, debating and thinking about love and loss in recovery, how it is conceptualised and represented, and the impact this has on social work and social care practice. We will consider and critique the dominant discourses on love and loss in recovery in our various nations around Europe and discuss what methodological approach might allow us to research this theme further and how this might impact policy and practice development.

We are keen to attract new researchers to the SIG. It is a warm, fun and friendly group that welcomes researchers at all stages of their research careers. We have an openness to learning from each other and this provides an exciting and vibrant feel to the group.

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### *Substance Use SIG Group timetable:*

#### **Morning session – 0930-1230** **Chair: Sarah Galvani**

- 0930 - 0950 Welcome and group introductions
- 0950 -1000 Celebration of the SIG book: Long-term recovery: European perspectives. Editors and Authors
- 1000-1015 Introducing the theme of love and loss in recovery (Prof Ali Roy)
- 1015-1200 **Whole group discussion/'thinktank'**  
Theme: 'Theorizing loss and love in long-term recovery'
- What is the current dominant discourse of loss and love in long-term recovery?
  - What does current discourse not consider/address?
  - How can it be improved and can we provide direction?
    - o Theory
    - o Systems/structures/policy
    - o Practice lens
    - o Lived reality
  - How might research to explore this further?
    - o Research questions and overall aim?

*1200-1300 – Lunch*

#### **Afternoon session – 1300 - 1530** **Chair: Ali Roy/Sarah Galvani**

- 1300 – 1430 **Whole group discussion:**
- i.) Developing a collaborative research bid on love, loss and recovery continued. This session will apply the morning's thinking and discussion to creating an outline research project.
  - ii.) Collaborative papers
    - a. using Frank's concept of stories/narrative (intro by Lillian Bruland-Selsing)
    - b. paper proposal (intro by Ali Roy)
- 1430 - 1515 **Whole group discussion:** Future collaborative activities.
- 1515 – 1530 Summary and SIG close

