

MSS Listserv

The Mad Students Society Listserv was established so that students can communicate with each other online about Madness issues, school, stresses, discrimination, Psychiatric Survivor issues and Mental Health policy and politics.

In order to join the list you must be a "Mad" Student. No voyeurs allowed! To join the list, please send an email to one of the addresses below, stating that you wish to sign up.

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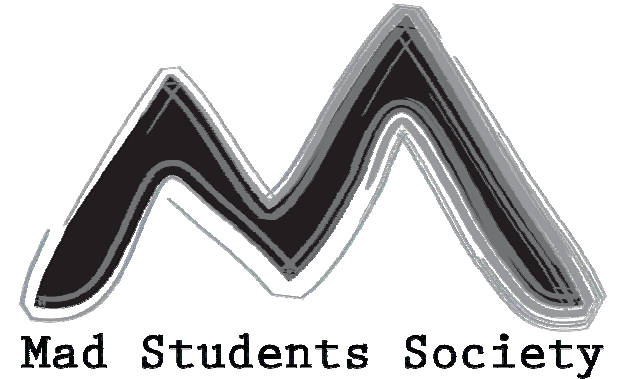
Who We Are

Formed in early 2005, the mad students society (MSS) is an inter-university group organized for and run by students who have experienced the psychiatric system (known as psychiatric survivors and/or consumers). Mad students society works to create a community to empower, support and mobilize students who are currently or may in the future experience the psychiatric system.

As a group we support each other, share similar experiences, learn about our history as a community, build from each other's strengths, identify barriers in the education system and address systemic discrimination. We also aim to create a space that is an alternative to bio-medical perspectives on emotional crisis. Our goal is to create an effective foundation for self-advocacy that has its roots in the history of the psychiatric survivor movement and is reflective of the socio-economic factors that impact our experiences.

Mad Students Society

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**A Peer and Advocacy
Group for students who
experience the
psychiatric system**

Terms of Reference

1. Represents the voice of students in post-secondary education who have or are currently experiencing the psychiatric system
2. Identifies barriers and shared experiences within the education system
3. Mobilizes and organizes students as an alternative voice to medical model understandings of madness
4. Addresses systemic discrimination within the education system
5. Works to develop an analysis of mad experience in order to create a framework for systemic and self advocacy
6. Works to create a community to Empower and support Mad Students
7. The Mad Students Society supports the history of the psychiatric survivor movement

AWARDS:

Centre for Equity in Health and Society (CEHS):

- *Award for Self-help Organizing Against Oppressive Systems*

Our Meeting Times

Meetings are held the **2nd Saturday of each month** from **3:00-5:00pm**.

This meeting is for people who have had experience with the psychiatric system, are psychiatrized, identify as psychiatric survivors, and/or consumers.

Format of Meetings:

Hour 1 Action and Advocacy Meeting to Challenge, change, improve conditions for mad students in post secondary.

Hour 2 Check in regarding school proceeded by discussion on a selected theme for the month.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or have any further questions please contact us:

Via email:
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Or visit our website:
www.madstudentsociety.com

Recent Themes

- January '06:** Gladness in Madness;
February '06: Crazy in Love;
March '06: Nutrition and Health;
April '06: A talk with Professor Geoffrey Reaume;
May '06: Graduate School;
June '06: Identity Politics;
July '06: Psychiatric Survivor Pride;
August '06: A talk with Bonnie Burstow;
September '06: Getting (Mad about) Accommodations;
October '06: Back to Basics: Peers Supporting Peers;
November '06: Peers Supporting Peers;
December '06: Peer Support;
January '07: Peer Support;
February '07: Crazy in Love;

PRESENTATIONS:

Making Connections in Student Mental Health Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, April 27th, 2006:

Panel - *Students Engaging Students*

Canadian Disability Studies Association 3rd Annual Conference, York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 27-28, 2006:

- *Panel - Crossroads: History, Policy and Disability Perspectives of Mad Students in Post Secondary Education*
- *Panel- Radical Rants: Challenges in Teaching the History of Madness*