

Mental Health Event Focuses on Children

The Second Annual Rethinking Psychiatry Symposium coming up this weekend focuses on psychotropic drugs and their use on children and the elderly in care facilities.

The event is at the First Unitarian Church of Portland, 1011 SW 12th. There is a suggested \$5 - \$20 donation, but no one is turned away for lack of funds, and no registration necessary.

Featuring attorney Jim Gottstein, founder of the Psych Rights legal clinic, the event features a full slate of workshops and a resource fair.

The keynote talk is entitled "Addressing Psychotropic Drugs,

Forced Medication, and Children." It's Friday, May 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Gottstein and a panel of professionals and peers will speak on the growing concern of the use of forced medication in the name of mental health care especially in children and the national movement to create a mental health care system that is more holistic, effective and humane.

On Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gottstein leads a special session called "Renaming and Reclaiming Our Mental Health Story: Using Our Personal Journeys, Experiences and Legal Rights.

The session is about how psychiatric survivors can share journeys and experiences and work to develop action plans in support of mental health care treatment alternatives and of improving mental health rights in Oregon.

More resources and workshops are scheduled, and lunch will be provided by Occupy Portland.

Continuing Education Units CEU's are now available for licensed social workers and other health care workers who attend the symposium. Details below.

For more information contact Marcia Meyers at 503-665-3957 or go to www.RethinkingPsychiatry.org

Bending Toward Justice Awards 2012



Sho Dozono, Rachel Bristol, Sen. Jeff Merkley, Ward Cunningham and Bernie Foster at the second annual "Bending Toward Justice" luncheon.

An advocate against hunger, a philanthropist businessman, a technology pioneer and a publisher, were honored May 1 at the second annual "Bending Toward Justice" luncheon. Sen. Jeff Merkley hosted the event and made the awards.

Held this year at Portland's Ecotrust building, the awards luncheon is sponsored by Opportunity & Renewal and Progress for Oregon political action committees, which support Sen. Merkley. About 300 people attended the luncheon.

The Honorees

Rachel Bristol, executive director of Oregon Food Bank, will step down this year after almost 30 years as feeding hungry people in Oregon. Her advocacy has helped hundreds of thousands of people and under her watch Oregon Food Bank has expanded. The food bank distributed more than 81 million pounds of food in 2011 and the Portland Business Journal named it the 'most admired' nonprofit.

Ward Cunningham is the inventor of the wiki method of sharing infor-

mation on web pages. A technology expert, Cunningham has been a lead innovator at tech companies such as, Microsoft, Tektronix, the Eclipse Foundation, Wyatt Software, the Hillside Group, AboutUs and currently Citizen Global. His inventions have influenced web development across the globe.

Sho Dozono is the founder and owner of Azumano Travel. In 1996 he organized a 30,000-strong march to support school funding, before forming the Portland Schools Foundation, now called All Hands Raised. After 9/11 he organized Flight of Freedom to support New York's tourist industry and has sent similar Flights of Friendship to Thailand, after the 2004 tsunami, to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and to Japan after the 2011 earthquake.

Bernie Foster is the publisher of The Skanner News, founded more than 35 years ago to give a voice to African Americans and other underserved communities in Portland and the Northwest. When activists wanted to name a street in Portland after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., they convened at The Skanner News building. Foster also co-founded with Bobbie Foster, The Skanner Foundation, which distributes education scholarships at its signature event, The Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast.

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