



International Society for Psychological
and Social Approaches To Psychosis

EARLY PSYCHOSIS TO MEDICATE OR NOT?

Online Presentation and Discussion
Wednesday 31st July 6pm – 8pm AWST

With

International Guest Speaker Oryx Cohen, and ISPS Au Board
Directors Dr Amit Banerjee, WA and Tara Coppins, SA

*“Conversation isn't about proving a point; true
conversation is about going on a journey with the people
you are speaking with.” — Ricky Maye*

ISPS Australia invites you to journey with us through the
power of conversation and discussion as we explore the
dynamic topic of ‘Early Psychosis – to medicate or not’.

Guest Speakers

Oryx Cohen is the Chief Executive Officer National
Empowerment Centre, Massachusetts, his work is informed
by his own Lived Experience with altered states of
consciousness: being diagnosed, hospitalised and
subsequently finding a path to healing.

Dr Amit Banerjee is a Perth based psychiatrist and ISPS Au
Board Director, he is a recovery-oriented general adult
psychiatrist with interests in social and critical psychiatry
and the addictions. He currently works as a consultant
psychiatrist with the headspace Early Psychosis team in
Midland WA. He also has run an outpatient private practice
in Midland since 2007.

Tara Coppins is a clinically trained psychologist who has
worked across Public and Private healthcare over the last 15
years. Tara's passion for working with individuals
experiencing psychosis was ignited early in her career and
she has since worked with individuals and their carers
across the First Episode to Enduring spectrum.

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Oryx Cohen



Tara Coppins



Dr Amit Banerjee

What to expect

Tara Coppins will facilitate the session where Oryx will share his learnings and success, with coming off psychiatric medication and his work in offering an alternative approach to medication such as Emotional CPR. He will share why it is important for mental health practitioners and peer workers to resource themselves with multiple approaches for those looking for alternative or adjunctive approaches to medication.

Dr Amit Banerjee will ask Oryx the ‘tough’ questions around barriers and implications for mental health professionals embracing alternative approaches within the clinical paradigm.

We will then open the floor to questions from our audience.

ISPS Australia values bringing all voices and perspectives to the table, and this exciting opportunity for dynamic discussions, is not about right, wrong, good, and bad, instead, it is about different approaches working for different people as the unique human beings we are.

To be part of the discussion register here (insert link)

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