



Live Town Hall

Exploring Dialogical Responses in a Time of Crisis

COVID-19 has forced us all into new ways of being, new ways of relating to each other, and new ways of responding to each other in a time of crisis. These new ways reveal more clearly than ever how essential dialogue is to the human experience.

What are dialogical practitioners doing - and learning - in this time of crisis? What do these learnings suggest or make possible that might have previously seemed unattainable? What insights do people who have lived with a sense of crisis, often cut off from 'mainstream' dialogues, have to offer a world in crisis?

In this first of a series exploring dialogical responses in the age of COVID, Mad in America, Open Excellence, and the HOPEnDialogue project invite you to a 'Town Hall' on

Friday, April 17 at 6:00 pm Greenwich Mean Time (Noon U.S. Eastern Time, 9:00 AM Pacific Time) for a 90 minute online panel conversation; "Are We Living in the Most Dialogical Time Ever?"

Please register below and we will email you the Zoom link on April 17th. Registration for the live Zoom is limited, but we will also live-stream the video on [Mad In America's YouTube channel](#).

[Register here](#)

Hosts



Kermit Cole and Louisa Putnam are inspired by Open Dialogue to respond as a team to individuals, couples and families in crisis. They have hosted many symposia in Santa Fe, New Mexico to explore the intersections between Open Dialogue, Hearing Voices, and other dialogical approaches, and recently completed their studies under Jaakko Seikkula to be Open Dialogue trainers.

Panelists



Jaakko Seikkula teaches dialogical practice to the many people around the world who have been inspired by Open Dialogue, the response to mental health crises in Tornio, Finland that Jaakko's team created.



Richard Armitage is a dialogical practitioner and trainer in Denmark at a large centre for supported living and rehabilitation.



Iseult Twamley is a Clinical Psychologist and Open Dialogue Trainer/Supervisor. Since 2012 she has been Clinical Lead of the Cork Open Dialogue Implementation, Ireland.



Rai Waddingham is an Open Dialogue Practitioner, international trainer, and has created, established and managed innovative Hearing Voices Network projects in youth, prison, forensic, inpatient and community settings.



Andrea Zwicknagl is a peer support worker in Switzerland and a board member of HOPEnDialogue.