



Altering States 2012

# Working for Wellbeing

**Brisbane : 7&8 June, 2012**  
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

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# Queensland Alliance for Mental Health invites you to Altering States 2012: Working for Wellbeing

In 2009, the *Altering States: Reforming the System* Conference generated lively and passionate debate on the mental health system for the 21st Century.

The theme for the 2012 Altering States Conference is *Working for Wellbeing*. The conference will provide a platform for discussion, debate and the sharing of ideas, focused around:

1. Workplace social inclusion for consumers/people who have experienced mental health issues.
2. Employers' role in creating mentally healthy workforces.
3. Capacity building and workforce skilling in the community mental health sector.

International and Australian speakers will inform, excite and challenge you. Your contribution will again be valued and heard. We hope that you will consider submitting an abstract - instructions are on the back page.

*Richard Nelson (Acting CEO, Queensland Alliance for Mental Health) and the Queensland Alliance State Council*

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The Altering States  
Conferences are always a  
great opportunity for a  
broad range of people  
to be heard.  
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## International Keynote Speakers

*(Confirmed to Date)*

### Professor Dame Carol Black DBE

*MD FRCP FMedSci*



Professor Dame Carol Black is the National Director for Health and Work, Chairman of the Nuffield Trust, President of the British Lung Foundation, and Pro-Chancellor of the University of Bristol. She is a past-President of the Royal College of Physicians, and immediate past-Chairman of the Academy of Medical

Royal Colleges. The Centre she established at the Royal Free Hospital, London is internationally renowned in the field of connective tissue diseases.

Since the early-1990s she has worked at board level in a number of organisations, including the Royal Free Hospital Hampstead NHS Trust, the Health Foundation, the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, and the Imperial College Healthcare Charity, and recently chaired the UK Health Honours Committee. She is a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, a member of the Committee for the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service, chairs the governance board of the new Centre for Workforce Intelligence, and is on several national committees aiming to improve healthcare. She is a Foreign Affiliate of the Institute of Medicine USA, and has been awarded many honorary degrees and fellowships.

### Ethan Watters



Ethan Watters is an author and journalist who has spent the last two decades writing about psychiatry and social psychology. Most recently, he is the author of *Crazy Like Us: The Globalization of the American Psyche*. The book suggests that America is homogenizing not just the categorization and treatment of

the mentally ill but the subjective experience of being mentally ill as well. He began his career writing about daycare abuse scares, satanic cult conspiracies, and other urban hysterias of the early 1990s. He was the first national magazine writer to expose therapists who lead their patients to uncover "recovered memories" of early childhood abuse. That work culminated in a co-authorship of *Making Monsters: False Memories, Psychotherapy and Sexual Hysteria*, a ground-breaking indictment of the recovered memory movement. Watters is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times Magazine*, *Discover*, *Men's Journal*, *Details*, *Wired*, and *This American Life*. His writing on the new research surrounding epigenetics was featured in the 2003's Best American Science and Nature Writing series.

## Conference Venue

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) is a world-class, purpose-built venue renowned for its operational and service excellence. The Centre is centrally located in the city's unique riverside precinct at South Bank, home to Brisbane's thriving arts and cultural community.

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre on Grey Street is a spectacular new expansion that opens in early 2012.

## Social Program

The Conference Reception will be held from 5.30–7.00pm at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre on the Thursday evening.

## Scholarships

Queensland Alliance for Mental Health have received funding through the Mental Health Council of Australia to provide scholarships and financial assistance for consumers and carers to attend the conference.

Full details of the scholarships are available on the conference website ([www.alteringstates.com.au](http://www.alteringstates.com.au)) or by contacting Queensland Alliance for Mental Health.

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## Invitation to attend

If you wish to be included in the mailing list to receive the advance program and registration brochure, please email us at: [info@conorg.com.au](mailto:info@conorg.com.au) (with "Queensland Alliance for Mental Health Conference" in the subject line and your postal address in the body of the email), or complete the following and return to:

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# First and Final Call for Abstracts

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS:

**Wednesday 29 February, 2012**

Proposals for papers, symposia (3-4 related papers), posters, and workshops are invited. Please submit your papers with one or more of the following themes as a guide:

1. Workplace social inclusion for consumers/people who have experienced mental health issues.
2. Employers' role in creating mentally healthy workforces: innovative and creative ways of creating a mentally healthy workplace.
3. Capacity building and workforce skilling in the community mental health sector.
4. Community recovery from natural disasters.
5. Celebrating innovation in the community mental health sector.

## Forwarding abstracts:

Please forward abstracts, using the template which can be downloaded from the conference website ([www.alteringstates.com.au](http://www.alteringstates.com.au)), to: [info@conorg.com.au](mailto:info@conorg.com.au)

Confirmation of receipt of abstracts will be emailed within 48 hours. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact us.

*Please Note: Presentation of accepted abstracts is contingent on registration for the conference.*



## INFORMATION

For further details regarding the Conference, please contact:

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