Open Science Days
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Citizen Science in Mental Health Research

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The Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft is an independent Austrian research organisation focussing on health science.

Top level research has to serve society and generate innovations. This includes processes, work practices, products and services.

We are convinced that Innovation is the result of consequent interdisciplinarity, strong partnerships and targeted user orientation.
OPEN INNOVATION IN SCIENCE

UNIQUE PROJECT IN TWO PARTS — CRIS AND LOIS

First European initiative to involve people from outside the science system in research on mental health
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Take part in the development of new research questions:

WHAT QUESTIONS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH DOES RESEARCH NEED TO ANSWER?

Tell us from the 16th of April 2015 on:
WWW.REDENSIEMIT.ORG
Closing date 16th of June 2015
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ENORMOUS STRAIN AND COST OF MENTAL ILLNESS

A full 27 percent of all diseases in Western societies are already attributable to mental disorders. This means that there have been or are more than 83 million people affected by mental illness. (WHO, 2015)

15.7 percent of all absenteeism due to illness is the result of mental illness – sick leave for such a diagnosis is typically longer than average. (OECD, 2014)
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PEOPLE-ORIENTED RESEARCH

THE FIRST EUROPEAN-WIDE CROWDSOURCING FOR RESEARCH QUESTIONS IN THE DOMAIN OF MENTAL ILLNESSES

The results have potential to lead to new solutions with high relevance for society - keyword "radical innovation"
content was analysed by experts and a team of trained analysts

identified issues were compiled into topic clusters

clusters served as basis for identifying new research topics

all registered participants were invited for a participants’ voting (online)

an international jury of experts evaluated the research topics

at the end of 2015, the final results were presented and made available to research
THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS IN FIGURES:

400 POSTS
↓
700 TEXT PASSAGES
↓
446 SUB-TOPICS
↓
17 MAIN CLUSTERS
↓
8 RESEARCH FIELDS
↓ ↓ ↓
TOP 3 TOPICS

NEW RESEARCH QUESTIONS IN THE DOMAIN OF MENTAL ILLNESS

THE TOP 3 TOPICS:

1. Mental health among children and adolescents
   How can mental health in children and adolescents be maintained, and how can children and adolescents recover quickly?

2. Destigmatising mental illness
   What does it mean to be stigmatised to a person with a mental illness? How does the stigma affect the course of the disease?

3. Healthcare research
   What structures does society need to create to ensure that the mentally ill receive the best support possible throughout their recovery process?
New proposals for a Ludwig Boltzmann Institute based on selected problem areas

Themes are made public and made available to research (national and international)

Detailed documentation and publication of the process as a basis for potential followers
„What science becomes in any historical era depends on what we make of it“

(SANDRA HARDING, AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER)
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION.
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