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ABSTRACT

Title: Using the Mental Health Innovation Network to form alliances for disability

Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

Stakeholder alliances have resulted in large policy gains in the field of global mental health. For example, the “FundamentalSDG” campaign strategically brought together over 58 key organizations and 100s of individuals to advocate for the inclusion of mental health targets in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Today, the Mental Health Innovation Network’s 1400 member base and successful social media accounts are being used to advocate with the “FundamentalSDG” campaign for the inclusion of the mental health indicators by the United Nations.

MHIN – a collaboration between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centre for Global Mental Health – is a global community of mental health and psychosocial stakeholders, created as a platform to share evidence and discuss academic and policy issues. Evidence is shared through innovation case studies and blog contributions on topics such as human rights, service user empowerment, self-management and peer support, and health system strengthening.

Launched in August 2014, MHIN has quickly emerged as the leading knowledge management platform in the field. Aligning with the psychosocial disability community would bring in a new and important voice to the Network. In return, MHIN could empower persons with disabilities to share their experiences, promoting participation in matters that affect them. In particular, the network could bring together a range of members and organisations working on psychosocial disabilities to encourage advocacy in policy, such as measureable mental health and disability indicators to track the SDGs, and funding for evidence based research and innovations to achieve the SDG targets at events such as the World Bank/WHO meeting in April 2016.

MHIN has an interest in improving psychosocial disabilities and exclusion based on disability globally. As an established platform, it can be mobilised to form strategic alliances for supporting the implementation and measurement of the SDGs, promoting evidence and advocating for increased funding.

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