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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ERNI DECLARATION ARE:

1. To connect and make the voices of ERNI-minded professionals more audible
2. To connect and make the voices of ERNI-minded users of services more audible.
3. To make the principles of ERNI more visible.
4. To influence the development of services

*THANK YOU
to all new SIGNATORIES*

Mad in America



Last month, Mad in America published our first blog on their website and Facebook group. The hope is that we will contribute consistently from an ERNI perspective but alternating writers and focus.

The first blog was an introduction to the ERNI declaration and outlined some of the processes that happen in the mental health system that rob people of opportunities to get on with their lives.

To read this, please use this link:

<https://www.madinamerica.com/2021/05/erni-declaration>

The comments we have received have been so helpful, inspiring and thought provoking.

Website update:

The ERNI website is in production and should be ready in the next 2 months. This will enable the declaration to be shared in multiple languages. It will offer space for personal stories, resources and links. It will also be somewhere that is searchable on the web...and that you can direct people to.

ERNI DECLARATION LINK:

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UPDATE

The writers of the ERNI declaration are a group of people from the UK who have used mental health services or who have worked in them. We have all experienced systems that inadvertently or deliberately privilege ways of working that we consider to oppress people whose life experiences inevitably lead them to seek help.

The more people who sign, the more opportunity for changing language and approaches to those in distress. We hope, for example, that clinicians will use their ERNI signatory status to position them in their organisation and, in doing so, they can make it clear about what they are willing or unwilling to do, including in relation to the practices of those around them. As individuals who use services we hope, in time, that we will be able to ask if the worker we are seeing has signed up to the declaration. As advocates and carers, we may lobby for services to be ERNI registered and for staff to be employed on the basis that they agree to the principles within it.

This may seem a long way off... but with today's technology, it need not be! We now have **over 500** signatories from all over the world.

To turn the hundreds into thousands, and collect more allies, we have one HUGE REQUEST... If you feel you want to and can, please **SHARE** the declaration in as many groups as you can, adding some context (take it from here, if you wish) so people know what it is. Please tweet, email, talk about and share in the real and virtual places where allies may group.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU...

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS OFFERED TO SHARE PERSONAL STORIES THAT RELATE TO THE ERNI DECLARATION.

WE ARE CREATING THE SPACE FOR THEM TO BE HEARD AND SHARED.

WHAT CAN YOU LINK WITH NOW?

- Join the new closed FACEBOOK group where relevant information and links will be published
- Follow ERNIMOVEMENT on Twitter
- Watch out for links to the new website where we will be publishing personal ERNI relevant stories
- Catch up with our Mad in America Blog on <https://www.madinamerica.com/2021/05/erni-declaration/>
- Email us if you can think of any other ideas for sharing or use of the declaration - ernimovement@gmail.com

LINK TO SIGN OR SHARE THE DECLARATION FORM:

[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/1PWXWVG6ED3JWA72QX2ALDMT8RHKU-ORVA8WEB5DBOAY/VIEWFORM?](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PWXWVG6ED3JWA72QX2ALDMT8RHKU-ORVA8WEB5DBOAY/VIEWFORM?)

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