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Wentworth Castle has a history going back to the Domesday Book. Once acclaimed as the most beautiful house in the world it is now the home of Northern College. In November 2003 it hosted the launch of the Paranoia Network.]

LAUNCH OF THE PARANOIA NETWORK

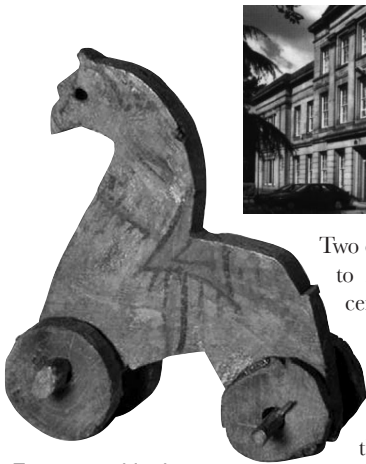
The Paranoia Network was launched in Barnsley UK with meetings over 10th, 11th and 12th of November 2003. These meetings brought together ideas from users and survivors of services as well as from clinicians and academics. Its history can be traced back at least through the experience and debates of the last fifteen years of the development of the Hearing Voices Network (HVN) and it continues in that ethos of creating safe spaces for the development of new knowledge and new ways of speaking. Specifically it is based on the achievements of the Sheffield Paranoia Group which has met weekly since March, convened by Peter Bullimore, Jenny Cawthorne and Chris Molloy, and on the research project of Tamasin Knight in Exeter - all of whom are also founding members of Asylum Associates. The Network can be

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At the centre of the development of the Paranoia Network in 2004 will be the hosting of an international conference in Manchester hosted by the Network in association with Asylum and the Discourse Unit in the Manchester Metropolitan University. The conference is modelled on the highly successful conference 'Hearing Voices' held in 1995 where for once the dominant languages were not that of those normally in charge of the academic and clinical machinery - but stories of experience and discovery.

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PARANOIA: WHAT CAN WE KNOW ABOUT IT, AND HOW?



To some this is a children's toy.

To some it might be the wooden horse of Troy.

To others it is the great papier mache horse of Trieste - built by the patients and visiting artists to represent their desires and when paraded through the city gates signalled a new dawn in the struggle against oppressive practice.



Day conference 10.00-5.00
Manchester 24 July 2004
Didsbury Campus of the Manchester
Metropolitan University.

Two disciplines, psychology and psychiatry, have tried to keep a tight grip on knowledge over the last century and, together with their various hangers-on, these disciplines have ruled the roost at the centre of that dense web of theories and practices that we have come to call the 'psy-complex'. The paradox is that while those in the psy-complex observe and regulate thinking and behaviour - they are part of the very enterprise that makes it so people do feel they are being watched. For a moment at least the university will be a space to speak and produce new knowledge rather than simply listen and be subjected to the psy-complex. For this moment to work we want to make the day a 'festival of explanations', and so we will welcome contributions from those struggling to do something different inside psychology and psychiatry as well as those who have already broken from the false knowledge that pretends to know all about people.

This is an open call for papers, talks, workshops and stories of experience. The space will be in a parallel sessions of about 20-30 minutes long. To be considered for a space, you should send a brief summary of the ideas you want to talk about,

about 100 to 150 words (not more than 150 words) typed, with a contact name and address, on the topic of paranoia, what you know about it or how you know. Please send this by the end of March 2004 to either Terence McLaughlin, tmclaughlin@asylumonline.net Ian Parker, Psychology, MMU, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13, I.A.Parker@mmu.ac.uk or Asylum Associates, Limbrick Centre, Limbrick Road, Sheffield S6 2PE, Pete.Bullimore@asylumonline.net Contact any of the above for further details or to discuss your paper.

The conference will also be open to those not giving papers, with a sliding scale registration fee of £50 for full-time employed professionals or academics, £25 for part-time professionals or students, and £10 for unwaged. If you are giving a paper at the conference you will not need to pay the registration fee.

To register for the conference send a cheque payable to Asylum to Asylum Associates, Limbrick Centre, Limbrick Road, Sheffield S6 2PE.
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