



PETER GILBERT is Emeritus Professor of Social Work and Spirituality at Staffordshire University, Associate Fellow in Education and Development, University of Warwick, and Visiting Research Fellow, Sussex University. He is a member of the College of Social Work's steering group for its Faculty of Mental Health. Peter was the NIMHE Project Lead on Spirituality from its inception to 2008, and then with the National Spirituality and Mental Health Forum; he is now a Trustee with the Forum. From 2008 to 2010 he was Chair of the National Development Team for

Inclusion and Visiting Professor at the Birmingham and Solihull Foundation NHS Trust, leading their Spirituality research programme; he is now working as a consultant on spirituality with Birmingham Children's Hospital.

A former Director of Social Services for Worcestershire, Peter is a registered Social Worker with 13 years of direct practice. He was Social Care advisor to the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health. Between 2003 and 2006 he was NIMHE/SCIE Fellow in Social Care, with Professor Nick Gould; a member of the NMHDU's (Department of Health) Equalities Programme Board until the end of March, 2011; and is a Senior Associate of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Peter's first career was in the Army. Educated at Worth Abbey School, he studied Modern History at Balliol College, Oxford, Social Work at Sussex University, and has an MBA. Peter was principal social worker in one of the old institutions; and has worked with, and managed services for, all user groups. He was very involved in partnership working in both Staffordshire as Director of Operations, and Worcestershire as Director, initiating service user, carer and advocacy groups. In the 1980s he specialised in Learning Disability and Mental Health, publishing several books on working with people with learning disabilities and their families (inc. *Managing to Care*, with Terry Scragg, 1992). Having experienced an episode of depression in 2000/1 Peter is very committed to an holistic and person-centred approach, and the integration of personal experience. Recently Peter worked with the States of Jersey and Mind Jersey on a service user partnership programme (published article in *IJLPS*, 2010).

Peter is signed up to ensuring the integration of theory with practice, and as such has served on several national groups such as the former CSCI Mental Health Improvement Board, and the Social Perspectives Network. Peter is an associate member of ADASS and ADSS (Cymru), and wrote the national ADSS/NIMHE guidance on the integration of mental health services. He is a member of the ADASS Mental Health policy group. In 2008 he created : *Guidelines on Spirituality for Staff in Acute Care Services*, and has contributed to a number of national policy initiatives. He is national facilitator for the National Social Care Strategic Network, and is engaged in the mentoring of senior managers in public services. He also works as an expert witness.

Peter published: *Leadership: Being Effective and Remaining Human*, in 2005, and he and his co-editors recently published: *Spirituality, Values and Mental Health: Jewels for the Journey*. He co-authored a SCIE position paper on leadership and personalisation (with Dr Ruth Allen and Professor Steve Onyett) in 2009. From

January, 2011. Peter became co-editor of *The International Journal of Leadership in Public Services*.

His latest publications are: *Social Work and Mental Health: the Value of everything* (with colleagues) in 2010; Leadership and Supervision development packs, with Dr Neil Thompson; editing a special edition of *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*; co-editing two special editions of *The International Journal of Leadership in Public Services* (June, 2010 and 2011, with Professor Bill Fulford) and a chapter on his experience of mental illness: in Basset and Stickleby's: *Voices of Experience: Narratives of survival and mental health*. A Pavilion handbook on *Spirituality and Mental Health* was published in May 2011 and a special, edition of *Open Mind* on Spirituality co-edited, Nov/Dec, 2011.

Currently work is taking place on a book on: *Spirituality and End of Life Care*, to be published in July, 2013.

In May 2013 Peter was awarded an honorary doctorate by Staffordshire University.

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