

clients of Community Mental Health Teams should be being assessed both for their likelihood (risk) of being violent to their partners and for their risk of experiencing harm? The consequences for any children

in the home should also be considered. The 'not knowing what to do' syndrome could be mitigated by having in each team a resource base of local information, one worker with a specialist interest and

access to information and evidence, such as is provided by this book.

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'Maya' – Bloomsbury Theatre, London – 5 July 2003

We are a group of professionals with a London-based cultural organisation called Rabisikha, which primarily teaches and promotes Indian music and dance in the UK through regular classes and concerts. We run a 5-year diploma course on Tagore music and dance. Although our students are mainly second-generation Asians, we concentrate on the promotion and dissemination of the knowledge, philosophy

and beauty of Indian music and dance to mainstream audiences, across all cultures.

Our next venture is the production of a musical called 'Maya', which will be launched at the Bloomsbury Theatre (UCL) in London on 5 July 2003. The musical incorporates multiple dimensions of pure drama, dance, Eastern and Western classical music and Tagore songs. The story essentially challenges the negative effects of stigma associated with mental health and supports the philosophy of reducing stigma, discrimination and social exclusion by changing attitudes and behaviour. We share the special responsibility to recognise and respect the uniqueness of an

individual over and above a diagnostic 'label'. We are also aware of the inaccurate representations of mental illness in the media and elsewhere based on stigmatising attitudes and stereotypes, myths and misunderstandings. Through 'Maya', we wish to deliver a clear message against prejudice and discrimination and support the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Anti-stigma campaign (Changing Minds).

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forthcoming events

The **National Mental Health Nursing Conference 2003** will take place on 14–17 July 2003 at the University of Leicester. This popular conference is for all those involved in education, mental health nursing practice, research and management. It provides a unique opportunity to share information in a learning environment and discuss the challenges and opportunities for mental

health nursing across the UK. For further information, please contact: The Conference Office, Jill Rogers Associates, 6 The Maltings, Millfield, Cottenham, Cambridge CB4 8RE (tel: 01954 252 020; fax: 01954 252 027; web site: <http://www.jillrogerassociates.co.uk>).

Mole Conferences would like to announce the following one-day conferences: **Munchausen Syndrome by**

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