

Comments in support of *JCPCP*

This journal is unique, and provides the best most critical take on 'critical psychology'. It is not governed by academic 'research assessment exercises', and is making a genuine attempt to do something radical in a hostile world. *JCPCP* is a marvellous forum for accessible and thought-provoking writing which is really critical of mainstream psychology, and it also paves the way for radical counselling and psychotherapeutic practice.

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Review of *JCPCP*

There are precious few opportunities to examine the weaknesses of orthodox psychology, or the limitations and erroneous assumptions of psychiatry and psychotherapy — and have them published. *JCPCP* represents an almost unique platform on which a critique of the psy-professions can be consistently made.

I read *JCPCP* as a former client of psychiatry and psychotherapy who has received counsellor training. My experience has demonstrated the harm for which these professions are responsible, and the damage and disadvantage they exacerbate.

I daily know the hegemony they represent. Anyone who has good reason to feel aggrieved at the inadequate service they have received, has no avenue for complaint in which their difficulties will be taken seriously, and where the practical and material consequences can be addressed. The psy-professions will ensure that you are managed and marginalised by their unassailable power to prescribe medications and categorise as deficient, behaviour of which dominant segments of society disapprove.

JCPCP demonstrates that some psy-professionals have integrity, and are capable of bringing a questioning attitude and a capacity for critical thought to their praxis. In that, there is at least the possibility that an evolution in these occupations may occur, and future generations will not have to suffer as many do today. To this end, *JCPCP* will continue to make a substantial contribution.

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