

# The Ripples of Trauma Conference

**What has Respond Learned from 20 years of working  
with adults and children with learning disabilities**

**RESPOND**)  
from hurting to healing

**Thursday 17 November 2011**

**Directory of Social Change  
24-32 Stephenson Way  
London NW1 2HD  
10.00am – 4.30pm**

**Immediately followed by the launch of the  
'Friends of Respond'**

"The Bruders" by Ian Tullett

**Chair: Professor Sheila the Baroness Hollins**

**Respond is the country's leading independent provider of  
psychotherapy for people with learning disabilities. This  
year we celebrate twenty years of working and leading in  
this field**

**When terrible abuse against people with learning disabilities is exposed, as it was recently at Winterbourne View, it is easy to feel shocked and to think that such cases are rare. Sadly they are not. Abuse does not only just take place in far away settings, but all around us. Everyday acts of abuse, hatred and disrespect take place in our streets, communities, in hospitals and in other care settings. We sometimes find ourselves condoning these acts by not allowing time and space to look at our own feelings and practices.**

**Why does this happen? What are the dynamics at play that mean that people with learning disabilities are often on the receiving end of abusive acts from others? This conference will explore these questions and help us to begin to understand and work towards preventing this from happening in the future.**

This conference will consider what we have learnt about the dynamics of abuse by focusing on Respond's pioneering work in the following areas:

- The provision of psychotherapeutic treatment for people with learning disabilities
- Partnership working with care providers and support networks
- Supporting families who are living with the consequences of sexual abuse and domestic violence
- Training generic counsellors working in the sexual abuse field
- Respond's campaigning work on Disability Hate Crime

There will be opportunities for delegates to share experiences and reflect on what happens within their own settings.

Speakers include:

**Richard Curen**, Chief Executive of Respond

**Noelle Blackman**, Deputy Chief Executive of Respond

**Debbie Adamson**, Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Project Coordinator

**Louise Wallis**, Policy and Campaigns Officer at Respond

**Helen Cross**, Adult Service Case Manager at Respond

### **Booking form for 'The Ripples of Trauma' conference:**

**Name:** .....  
**Address:** .....  
**Phone:** ..... **Email:** .....

■ **£60 full cost**      **Cheques payable to 'Respond'**

**Or**

■ **£40 for 'Friends of Respond' (for further information on becoming a Friend contact Helen Rose)**

**Please return with payment to: Helen Rose, Respond, 24-32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD  
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