



A Collection of Writings on Mental Illness, Stigma and Recovery in NL: Submission Criteria and Information

The Newfoundland and Labrador division of the Canadian Mental Health Association, in partnership with Breakwater Books Ltd., and in collaboration with

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is issuing a call for essays on the experience of mental illness, stigma, and recovery in Newfoundland and Labrador. Essays will be selected based on the quality of the writing, the perspective from which they are written, and will reflect the diversity of the people of our province. The essays that are selected will be published together in a book.

Eligibility Criteria and Rules

- Submission must be a non-fiction, personal essay that reflects the related challenges and barriers, as well as the hope, recovery, and resilience, of living with mental illness in this province.
- Writer must be a mental health consumer, a family member or caregiver of a mental health consumer, a mental health service provider, or have some other relationship or experience with mental health consumers.
- Writer must be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Writer must be 19 years of age or older, or have parental or guardian permission to participate. If under 19, parent or guardian must sign the application form that accompanies the submission.
- Writers must use their real names. No pen names or anonymous entries will be accepted. The name and location of the writer will be published alongside the essay.
- Only one submission per person.

Length

Essays must be a minimum of 500 words to a maximum of 2000 words.

Format and Instructions

Essays must be accompanied by the application form completed in full. Submissions must be typed, double-spaced and printed on 8.5 x 11 inch paper. We do not accept email attachment submissions. Entries will not be returned. Please save a copy of your work.

Deadline: Submissions must be received or postmarked no later than August 31, 2008

Please mail or drop off your submissions with completed application form to:

**Submission to Collection of Writings
Canadian Mental Health Association
Newfoundland and Labrador Division
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