

## *Collaboration, Collegiality and Co-production*

*ISPS Australia  
"Bringing people together  
to make sense of psychosis."*

### **Seeking Opportunities for Partnership & Collaboration**

In order to operationalise the ISPS Australia objectives, we seek to explore the potential for collaboration and partnership with like-minded organisations/individuals who may share similar aims, objectives, values, strategic focus areas and or community service obligations.

This may include: 1) presenting at each other's conferences or events, 2) advertising on each other's promotional material, 3) issuing joint statements to media or 4) joint activities, events or research initiatives 5) or via our ISPS Australia Small Grants Program (SGP) for small organisations and collectives.

### **Background**

**Who we are:** ISPS Australia is the Australian branch of *The International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis*. Whilst the international organisation has been slowly growing over the last 60 years, ISPS Australia was first incorporated in 2013, so we are relatively new in Australia.

The ISPS Australia Board Directors is made up of a small group of volunteers who believe that from little things big things can grow. We aim to join together Australians who have a passion or interest in the importance of psychological and social approaches to psychosis so we can ensure that those who experience psychosis or extreme states get the support and understanding they need to make sense of their experience and move through it effectively.

### **ISPS Au Purpose:**

*to further the understanding of psychological and social approaches to psychosis and advance education, research and knowledge through sharing information about innovative approaches used by mental health professionals who work genuinely, creatively and transparently with people who experience extreme states (sometimes known as psychosis). We offer messages of hope that it is possible to be supported through extreme states with dignity, compassion and recovery.*

### **2016-2018 Strategic Plan key areas of focus:**

Education, Information Sharing, Mentoring and Networking.

### **Benefits of collaboration and partnership**

- Co-Sponsor and Co-Badge: Sharing the costs, workload and risk of bringing international experts to Australia to advance education and training in this area. This includes people who are experts by profession and experts by experience.
- Work together to foster local voices, talent and expertise to be heard and visible.
- Jointly co-sponsor events, activities and presentations.
- Mutually support publication of events via websites, global mailing databases and other PR activities (such as media talks, news blasts, blogs and vlogs).
- Co-design and co-develop agreements with clear responsibilities, objectives and accountabilities whether they be short term agreements or longer term MOUs.
- Mutual promotion of each other's organisations (enabling banners to be visible, introduction of speakers by co-badging organisations and logos visible on PR material and flyers).
- Share all information and resources gained.

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