

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the ISPS membership, just became a signatory to a petition that calls for action on the issues of racism and social justice in mental health.

This petition is an initiative of the Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry of the McGill University of Montreal (Canada) and came to us thanks to a board member of ISPS Lowlands. They wrote as *academics* who study the impact of culture on mental health, as *clinicians* who strive to provide equitable mental health care and as *representatives of organizations* devoted to advancing the field of cultural psychiatry.

The aim of the petition is to join the voices in the USA and around the world calling for social change to address the longstanding violence and inequities of systemic racism and discrimination.

For more information see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QI7nb-VoRx7ropCkmRqt78Mp3wVW_Ihd_XGHBLnoQ9Q/mobilebasic

By signing this petition the Executive Committee wishes it to be part of the philosophy and value system that ISPS embraces. We do not wish for this to be a tokenistic gesture but rather a rally to the call for action. In light of that we invite our membership to demonstrate their endorsement of these sentiments and put themselves forward to create a task force or advisory group that would focus on the issues of social justice and racism.

It is essential that the people who are the most affected have the opportunity to drive this process, therefore we invite members who witness organisational racism and discriminatory practices in any form to express their interest in having a discussion with the ISPS Executive Committee on what is the most effective way to proceed authentically to address these issues which continue to plague our society and service provisions.

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