

Treatment of young adolescents with psychosic disorders in a network organization

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# Vision on life, work and mental health problems

(inspired by Laloux, re-inventing organizations) Fruitful interaction

Learning Environment

> **Emotional Regulation**

Basic concepts: equality, trust, listening, deep democracy, acceptance

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# Psychosis abnormal? Or normal?

#### l out of l0 hear voices

(Maijer et al. Psychol Med. 2018;48:879-888)

Delusions: in DSM-5 actually moved from the abnormal to normal psychology. Excessive suspicion also occurs in the general population

> (American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

Trauma and psychosis:

comorbidity, cause

de Bont et al. Br J Psychiatry. 2015;206:408-416)



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# People often see trauma as the cause of psychosis

# Trauma and psychosis

Causes of voices	Agree	
	Frequency	%
Past traumatic experiences	80	64.0
Distress	77	61.6
Other people	67	53.6
Personality	64	51.2
State of mind	58	46.4
Chance	41	32.8
Personal behaviour	33	26.4
Hereditary/genes	33	26.4
Recreational or prescription drugs	28	22.4
Poor medical care	14	11.2
Diet	14	11.2
Pollution	7	5.6
Germ or virus	5	4.0

Table 1. Participant's beliefs about the causality of their voices.

Tolmeijer, E., Hardy, A., Jongeneel, A., Staring, A. B., van der Gaag, M., & van den Berg, D. (2021). Voice-hearers' beliefs about the causes of their voices. Psychiatry Research, 302, 113997.

- Tolmeijer ea 2021
- Read 2019, Read 2020



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> I trauma (78%)  $\,\,\geq\,$  2 trauma's (70%)  $\,\,\geq\,$  3 trauma's (60%)



### Listen to the voices





### How to...

#### Networkorganization =

Together

Living and working Learning environment

In practice: casemanager, nurse practitioner, psychiatrist, family therapist and psychogist/psychotherapist for CBT. If desired, add other interventions, such as psychomotor therapy or creative therapy. Relationships, family, friends

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**Complaints** Regulating emotions

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### **Treatment and guidance**

- Standard of care for psychotic disorders: attention to trauma, treatment of the voices : Join them, don't beat them
- Explanatory model of the psychotic complaints: holistic theory, stressors
- Focus on quality of life, not on a symptom-free life

- Medication as a component, not as the main ingredient
- Treatment consists of gaining insight into stressors (sleep, substance abuse) explanatory model of ACE's (traumatic events), maintaining en strengthening of social roles(school, work, friends, relationships)



### Prognosis



#### **Take home:**

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- Try it, dare to ask about the past, the present
- Involve all three pillars (others, environment, self regulation)
- Work together
- Make sure that experience based therapy and traumatherapy are available



# Where from?



