



The Irish Institute of
Mental Health
Nursing (IIMHN)
invites you to a
seminar & open
discussion with
Robert Whitaker

Anatomy of an Epidemic and Lessons Learned: How Do We Build a Global Movement for Change in Mental Health?:

The publication of *Anatomy of an Epidemic* in 2010 helped plant a seed for fundamental change in psychiatry, as it presented a scientific story that told of a paradigm of care that did more harm than good. How can we collectively build a new paradigm of care? This seminar will first provide the context as outlined by Whitaker followed by a facilitated discussion amongst mental health practitioners, people with self experience and interested members of the public, on the continuing role of psychotropic medication in mental health care provision.

*Robert Whitaker is the author of four books, and co-author of a fifth, three of which tell of the history of psychiatry. In 2010, his *Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness* won the U.S. Investigative Reporters and Editors book award for best investigative journalism. Prior to writing books, he worked as a science reporter at the Albany Times Union newspaper in New York for a number of years. He is the founder of madinamerica.com, a website that features research news and blogs by an international group of writers interested in “rethinking psychiatry.”*

Spaces are limited.
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**Friday 15th Nov, 2:15 – 3:45
Room XG20, Science Building
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