

Friday the 20 of March 2020

## **First online-meeting on community psychology in time of corona pandemic**

Organizer: Wolfgang Stark

Being the first online meeting on community psychology in times of pandemic, we needed the time to express our personal concerns and emotions, fears and hopes and to express our empathy and solidarity with the people in Italy, Spain and in other parts of the world who have been hit most (<https://google.org/crisisresponse/covid19-map>). we needed and will need time to share sad stories, empathy and concerns. I sensed that nearly all participants expressed their need for our community online, in addition to the local communities all of us try to maintain and care for.

we also listened to encouraging stories:

- how families and house communities are able to reinvent their communities by planning small events and writing diaries (Ornelas, Portugal)
- how community psychology projects support the homeless (Housing First Portugal - José and Maria, could you please tell us your story or send links?)
- fast growing mutual support systems in neighborhoods and communities (Italy, Spain, Germany)
- prevent violence at home (<http://vidacs.eu/index.php/en/>) (Italy)
- psychosocial response to isolated quarantine situations (<https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0140-6736%2820%2930460-8>)
- universities switching to digital teaching and fast response (Italy, UK, Ireland)
- people are beginning to discuss 'basic income' concepts as a response to the economic crisis (UK, Germany)
- using music and arts to develop new forms of community (Italy, Spain)
- re-design of expat-communities in China to cope with the crisis (China)

*Cinzia Albanesi (President of ECPA) offered to use ECPA-website ([www.ecpa-online.eu](http://www.ecpa-online.eu)) as a resource base for tools and ideas.*

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### Participants:

Heiner Legewie, Jarg Bergold, Wolfgang Stark (Germany)

Wibke Eckman (Luxemburg)

Fortuna Procentese, Caterina Arcidiacono, Antonella Guarino, Carlo Volpi, Patrizia Meringolo, Bruna Zani, Norma De Piccoli, Cinzia Albanesi, Elvira Cicognani, Raffaello Martini, Serena Dinelli, Irene Barbieri, Chiara Cifatte (Italy)

Isabel Herrera Sanchez (Spain)

Paul Hayotte (Canada, France),

Munro (South Afrika)

Sally Kolowitz (UK)

Ronnie Greenwood (Ireland),

Jose Ornelas, Maria Vargas Moniz (Portugal)

Eman Motowi (Palestine, curr. China).

**Next meeting will be on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5 pm (CET)**

**To attend please klick on <https://zoom.us/j/692277692>**