'The elders' and young people

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Our Consumer Place

Young People

- Personal Reflection
- Shame
- OK to speak
- Pat McGorry as a powerful advocate
- Is there anyone else but young people?
- Young people's right to speak
- ? Around being part of a larger community of consumers

The pain of 'disrespect'

- Leonie Mann's keynote
- Lack of history and historical analysis
- Enormous commitment to build the well out of which new hope springs
- Is a consequence of ignorance rather than deliberate exclusion
- A different way to celebrate
- Indigenous communities

Young people and new people

- Consumer movement
- Not interested/ interested
- Respect; regardless of fundamental political position
- 'Radicality'!!
- Need to belong but where is the question?

The changing of the Guard

- More than this a pattern of 'new people' arriving and the role of their prejudice against other consumers that they don't even realise they have. (5 teachers)
- Lack of a history and lack of an historical perspective or analysis
- Yong people today. In the 1990s everything pivoted around SMI

Leadership in a very special domain

- Why do I constantly feel I am not appreciated for what I have achieved
- How much of this is "... something I have to work on..." (my psych) and how much is that my expertise IS being denied and sometimes demeaned.
- Thin skins, emotional haemophilia
- The hope is that this will be different in the future but, right now, ...