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Vanessa Wronski: hi everyone, thank you for joining us today and
welcome today will be hosting this webinar with Gerald Robin and
Fiona.
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Vanessa Wronski: Today, the presenters will discuss the ways that
people change for the better after experiencing an episode of
psychosis and what may facilitate such change so next slide please.
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Vanessa Wronski: So, before we start and I pass it off to Gerald I
just would like to go over some housekeeping information.
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Vanessa Wronski: So the participant microphones will be muted today
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Vanessa Wronski: We get to the O amp a session and you would like to
voice out your question, please raise your hand using the raise hand
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Vanessa Wronski: And they can unmute you if you have any questions
during the event about the topic or any technical difficulties, let us
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Vanessa Wronski: And then just a reminder this session is being
recorded and it will be available tomorrow on our website, I will put
our website in the chat momentarily.
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Vanessa Wronski: And then just let people know we are offering
continuing educational credits, but you do have to attend the second
session happening on the 17th.
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Vanessa Wronski: And more information about that will be pulling out in a follow up email tomorrow and again if you have any questions you can always email us looks like please.

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Vanessa Wronski: This is a disclaimer from our new England am htc you can read more about it when we share the slides with you tomorrow.

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Vanessa Wronski: And then the image ttc network uses affirming respectful and recovery oriented language in all of our activities, and these are some of the examples that we followed by.

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Vanessa Wronski: And with that I will pass it off to JEREMY Thank you.

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Gerald Jordan: yeah okay so thanks thanks everyone from for being here i'd like to introduce myself, so my name is Gerald i'm a postdoctoral research Dr mcgill university.

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Gerald Jordan: And the program for Community recovering Community health and my research general broadly focuses on understanding all people could transform their lives and communities after experiencing.

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Gerald Jordan: Mental health challenge for the first time, and all of these changes could be supported by Community based mental health services and broader social determinants of health and resilience Fiona would you like to introduce yourself.

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Fiona Ng: hi everyone, my name is Fiona I am a researcher at the University of Nottingham and he the Institute of mental health.

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Fiona Ng: And my research has predominantly been in mental health recovery and now i'm starting to move into push dramatic growth and looking at that, from the perspective that people.

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Fiona Ng: Experience with psychosis and personality disorder and in
developing teacher to interventions to support push dramatic growth.
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Fiona Ng: Okay.
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Robyn Thomas: hello, so my name is Robin I just completed my masters
at the University of Edinburgh.
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Robyn Thomas: In the global mental health program and also was looking
at how people can experience transformation and positive change after
psychosis and how we can support people through that process.
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Robyn Thomas: My background is also in filmmaking and peer support and
i've worked in the mental health field for about six years now and i'm
also very interested in how we can incorporate storytelling to end
with mental health advocacy.
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Gerald Jordan: i'll just add that we're probably the one of the only
you know, a group of the only people doing work in this area so you're
listening to like the World experts right.
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Gerald Jordan: So Okay, so now that i've i've made that joke it's not
a joke, but now that I said that.
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Robyn Thomas: Will.
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Gerald Jordan: move on to like our conversation, so I wanted, we
thought we could this could be more like a conversation that could be
kind of light that's like the middle of the afternoon.
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Gerald Jordan: Like everyone's probably kind of tired of being on zoom all the time, so I thought this could be like kind of a lighter lighter conversation among us, and then you know.

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Gerald Jordan: we'd love to hear some questions from you or some feedback and you know that way, we could like you know construct some you know some meaning and some some more knowledge about the the topics that we're going to be talking about the day.

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00:05:49.020 --> 00:05:49.920 Gerald Jordan: So it began.

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Gerald Jordan: You know just wanted to state that the field of mental health faces many important shortcomings.

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Gerald Jordan: One of those important shortcomings is that mental challenges have largely been reduced the byproducts of biological processes that are unable to on their own.

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Gerald Jordan: supply or inform I supply meeting room for research, researchers and practitioners in the ways that people can make meaning out of and recover from.

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Gerald Jordan: Mental health challenges, and that this this reductionism kind of dismisses a wealth of subjective accounts and experiences experiences around how.

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Gerald Jordan: Mental health challenges could be meaningful and rooted within larger social, political and economic conditions such as racism and other forms of discrimination.

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Gerald Jordan: So, in light of this, what are some alternative

interpretations of psychosis, why is it useful to think about these different interpretations when thinking about post traumatic growth and positive change and i'll you know Robin, what do you think about this.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah so as Gerald has mentioned often psychosis is framed as this biochemical process gone awry.

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Robyn Thomas: But many researchers agree that psychosis is relational and its impact by a person's culture by their wide wider social network and social factors.

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Robyn Thomas: And, and the context of that person's life so there's there's a few different approaches that look at psychosis outside of the biomedical model.

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Robyn Thomas: and understand psychosis as a kind of understandable response to adverse life experiences and and a person surrounding.

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Robyn Thomas: Rather than just being a pathological defect and and acknowledge that there are meaningful narratives within madness.

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Robyn Thomas: So, for example, the hearing voices voices mute movement who views voice hearing and other what we call anomalous or non ordinary experiences as meaningful and existing within the spectrum of normal human experience that people can learn to to cope with and grow from.

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Robyn Thomas: Another another one is the open dialogue approach and again that's looking at psychosis often from the perspective of people responding to to difficult life events in kind of an annex stream way.

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Robyn Thomas: And and they're they're a person in Florida psychosis is is thought of as as having valuable perspectives and that their way of

communicating is actually.

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Robyn Thomas: Giving kind of clues and insights into their the nature
of their distress and ways that maybe they can find their way out of
it and so there's also theorists such as RD laying who viewed
psychosis as as not just a crisis that can have transformative value.
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Robyn Thomas: But, but a purposeful process potentially that can shake
up aspects of the self and allow a person to rebuild their lives.
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Robyn Thomas: their beliefs and identities, in a healthier way and
process trauma and then, of course.
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Robyn Thomas: We can't forget the various ways that people with lived
experience understand and interpret their their experiences in
psychosis so a lot of people that that i've interviewed, for example,
saw psychosis as a kind of spiritual crisis.
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Robyn Thomas: And oftentimes people look lived experience are
dismissed as not having any sort of insight into their condition, and
this is something that we're trying to challenge.
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Gerald Jordan: yeah that sounds that sounds super cool and sounds
really, really relevant to this discussion, thanks for that Robin.
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Gerald Jordan: I agree entirely with what you said and I think I, the
only thing that I would add is that, based on the work that i've done.
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Gerald Jordan: The type of explanatory models or frameworks that
people use to describe their experiences kind of changes how.
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Gerald Jordan: They talk about how they've grown from their psychosis

so people who use like spiritual explanatory frameworks tend to talk about their growth that they're experiencing.

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Gerald Jordan: In terms of the spiritual lenses are using spiritual words and you know and then people who, who have let's say like political.

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Gerald Jordan: interpretive interpretations are political explanatory frameworks about about what happened to them that might draw on like how they've been oppressed or.

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Gerald Jordan: Drawing on the heels of capitalism will describe their their changes post psychosis in terms of you know, engaging in activism, to a greater extent than before, and so forth, so that's that's something that i've noticed in my work and I find quite interesting.

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Gerald Jordan: And so I guess the next point that will talk about as so before getting into what like the nitty gritty of what positive change and bustamante girls are.

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Gerald Jordan: Right from the outset, we thought it might be important to talk about like what some of the precautions that we should take when when we're talking about post traumatic growth and positive change following psychosis and so i'm not sure if.

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Gerald Jordan: any of you have seen a highly influential paper on the.

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Gerald Jordan: mission miss uses and abuses of the the concept of recovery.

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Gerald Jordan: I think Mike slade is the the author on it.

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Gerald Jordan: And so, in this paper they kind of go through like you know how that the concept of recovery has been abused and my co opted by neoliberalism and so forth.

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Gerald Jordan: And it's a very influential important paper, and you know when we're doing research on post traumatic growth or when we're talking about it.

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Gerald Jordan: Like it's important for us to also think about some some things that we need to be aware of so in lieu of this Robin do you have any precautions or any recommendations that you know for how we should think about this or talk about it or do research in this area.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah I mean just just started it's always, I think, important to say that, of course, there are a lot of people who may experience great distress with psychosis and so you know, a do I want to romanticize that that experience at all.

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Robyn Thomas: And so we do acknowledge that you know, not everyone does experience positive change and growth or they might not want to experience any kind of of change right.

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Robyn Thomas: And so we really want to, I think, avoid putting more pressure on people to fix their suffering and find the silver lining in it.

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Robyn Thomas: And kind of fuel these unrealistic expectations that individuals are solely responsible for fixing their distress.

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Robyn Thomas: and putting that additional kind of kind of burden on people so so really I think what's important is is putting that responsibility on institutions and and services to develop interventions that are recovery oriented and trauma informed and growth focus and.

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Robyn Thomas: That that are really looking as well at the broader social determinants of distress that Gerald has talked about and are supporting diverse interpretations of this thing that we call psychosis weather so some people like to call it altered states.

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Robyn Thomas: Some people like to call it anomalous experiences and so yeah just acknowledging that there's a lot of different ways to talk about this.

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Robyn Thomas: And, and another another big thing too is, I think that when clinicians understand that post traumatic growth is possible, then they can communicate in a way that's much more hopeful to the people that they're working with.

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Gerald Jordan: very, very elegantly put Fiona what are some precautions that you've thought about or.

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Gerald Jordan: In the work that you've been doing.

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Fiona Ng: yeah I completely agree with everything that Robin said I think it's really incorrect to assume that everyone will grow from experiencing psychosis this.

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Fiona Ng: it's it's ptsd or post traumatic growth of positive changes it's I guess it's like another model is like the recovery model, there will be some people who.

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Fiona Ng: are strong opponents, so they don't like it at all, so there are groups, for example, like recovery been who have who have been very vocal about.

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Fiona Ng: Putting the recovery model independent. 00:14:21.660 --> 00:14:29.760 Fiona Ng: But I think, from a research perspective, one of the big thing that I would say that needs to be done when doing research. 00:14:31.140 --> 00:14:44.820 Fiona Ng: About pts co production and current production across the research cycles and not just right at the end when we're analyzing data, how do we get to thinking about how do we involve people. 81 00:14:45.570 --> 00:14:51.720 Fiona Ng: formulating a research question or data collection or and in the analysis and interpretation of the findings. 82 00:14:53.160 --> 00:14:54.900 Gerald Jordan: yeah those that's that's a great point. 83 00:14:56.130 --> 00:15:02.400 Gerald Jordan: i'm the only I think you you both hit the nail on that at the hammer on the nail. 84 00:15:02.460 --> 00:15:03.660 or whatever the expression is. 85 00:15:06.600 --> 00:15:13.410 Gerald Jordan: But yeah I i'm thinking of like you know I recently read a paper about the you know some. 86

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Gerald Jordan: Aspects of positive psychology in the workplace, that are kind of tyrannical so you know, like you know there's a.

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Gerald Jordan: In a lot of workplaces they're implementing these these positive psychology interventions focused on improving people's well being.

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Gerald Jordan: You know, making them feel happy and that kind of stuff

but they're also, at the same time, you know, making people work longer hours you know.

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Gerald Jordan: Cutting back on unions, you know all the stuff that probably everybody in this room call is going through, so these interventions are kind of like.

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Gerald Jordan: Trying to try to help people just kind of like push push aside the bad stuff that's going on and work settings and then just think about like the good stuff.

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Gerald Jordan: And I I kind of worry about the concept of post traumatic growth or work and post post traumatic growth being co opted, by the same like neo liberal.

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Gerald Jordan: Neoliberal policies that the broader positive psychology movement is kind of pushing for right now so.

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Gerald Jordan: I mean that doesn't that isn't something that i've seen so far and research on post traumatic growth following psychosis or other mental health challenges but it's something that I think.

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Gerald Jordan: We need to, we need to be mindful of and then like a final final thing that I thought of is you know there's this concept of inspiration for.

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Gerald Jordan: That you look that you read about a lot in the disability studies literature, so what I mean by that is you know you know you see someone with a disability and they're doing something that.

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Gerald Jordan: People without disabilities think is impressive.

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Gerald Jordan: And so we just tend to look at that kind of thing we look at the success and we marvel at how resilient they might be, but then we tend to ignore the social and political and economic conditions of health that people with disabilities.

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Gerald Jordan: You know, need to draw on the support the their their their police and society, and so, those are the only two things that I would add, about precautions, the post traumatic growth and positive change.

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Gerald Jordan: And to another we've stated these precautions let's move on to what growth actually is, and I in a meteor way and I apologize for using media as the metaphor if anybody hears a vegetarian but Fiona How would you define positive transformational change and growth.

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Fiona Ng: yeah and so from the literature, we know that positive transforming transformational change in birth or, also known as post traumatic growth or PG it's.

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Fiona Ng: a concept that was coined by Tedeschi and car Horn in 2004 and it often refers to the positive psychological changes that can arise.

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Fiona Ng: Following from negative experiences trauma or thirsty and I think this is particularly pertinent to psychosis because trauma is both a cause and effect cases, so people can experience trauma and then expense psychosis or psychosis and then experienced trauma as well.

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Fiona Ng: And so during the time when a person experiences a negative experience trauma often a person is justin or adapting to the new trauma information that they gained from that experience.

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Fiona Ng: and often people will change their assumptions are the

beliefs that they've held before the trauma so, for example, people may reassess the relationships that they may have with people.

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Fiona Ng: And they may decide that dinner, for example, a certain relationship might not be serving them beta, for example, and they may decide to make sure that.

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Fiona Ng: Often, people like will differ in terms of the positive changes that they experienced but generally this five domains that positive changes.

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Fiona Ng: manifest us there, for example, that can manifest as having an increased appreciation live people might have more relationships and people may also be.

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Fiona Ng: better able to identify their own personal strength and some people may, as a result of the trauma have parties for their life.

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Fiona Ng: and also some people may have a richer extension and spiritual life as well.

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Fiona Ng: I think one of the important thing about PT cheese that it's often discussed in conjunction with the concept of resilience or the ability to bounce back.

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Fiona Ng: However, I think that P tg extends beyond bouncing back so, for example, to previous level of functioning but it's about growing beyond that as well.

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Gerald Jordan: super super cool and yeah super that's a super great summary of the the PT G model if you wanna Robin do you have anything to add about what positive transformational change and Growth means.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah I think you really summarized it well there Fiona man, I particularly liked how you talked about it it's not just about bouncing back or or returning to this idea of.

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00:20:26.040 --> 00:20:27.510 Robyn Thomas: A self before.

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Robyn Thomas: experiencing psychosis a lot of people do feel that their sense of self and their relationships to themselves and others and and the natural world has really gone beyond that and improved in a deep and meaningful way.

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Robyn Thomas: So i'll pass it on to you Gerald because I know you vou're the.

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Robyn Thomas: you're the pro on tcg.

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Gerald Jordan: cool I mean, I think you both summarize that pretty well and i'm not sure if I have much more died, you know.

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Gerald Jordan: Maybe the only thing that I would add, is through my own research that some one thing that I noticed was that once sometimes has passed people that often report experiencing positive change your post traumatic growth.

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Gerald Jordan: You know.

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Gerald Jordan: May, at some point, want to start finding ways to use their personal stories and their personal experience of psychosis or whatever to find ways to give back to their other people and to change their communities and that's something that i've that i've looked at.

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Gerald Jordan: You know my own research, and you know it another thing that I found is that it's not only people themselves that report BCG or positive change, but also.

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Gerald Jordan: People within their like their their immediate social environments also report most amount of growth through the experience of their loved ones, so you know romantic partners family members describe experiencing their own forms of growth.

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Gerald Jordan: and suffering after their loved one has experienced the psychosis.

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Gerald Jordan: Okay now so many, many of you might be listening to everything that we've said and.

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Gerald Jordan: You might be asking yourself so what's the difference between post traumatic growth and positive change and recovery.

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Gerald Jordan: And this is one of the you know when I wrote my dissertation on post traumatic growth, following the first episode of psychosis this was the number one question that I received by my dissertation committee so It just seems.

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Gerald Jordan: It seems to be something, you know that that's kind of you know, confusing or yeah deserves some some this entanglement.

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Gerald Jordan: And we're you know i'm asking this because also many recovery narratives and recovery models emphasize how people transform.

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Gerald Jordan: or feel like they've grown or changed for the better after experiencing a mental health problem, and so that you know also ends up sounding a little bit like the PG stuff.

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Gerald Jordan: That that we're talking about so i'll just go over a couple of key differences between recovering GP g.

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Gerald Jordan: So, in terms of history, like recovered, the concept of recovery has a very different history from that of PT G, so the concept of recovery was you know, based in the psychiatric survival was meant.

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Gerald Jordan: You know people seeking liberation from psychiatry and wanting to define their own lives.

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Gerald Jordan: At the same time you kind of saw some longitudinal like long term studies on how people with the diagnosis of schizophrenia seem to do better, over time, contrary to what my expectations were at that time.

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Gerald Jordan: And then you know people started writing their own narratives and stories about their their recovery and these would appear, and you know academic journals.

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Gerald Jordan: designs, you know just just everywhere, and then in the 2000s you kind of saw like an attempt to transform mental health systems so that they could become.

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Gerald Jordan: More recovery oriented, and you see this, you see this as an ongoing process that started in 2000 and continues to this day, and you see this a lot in like you know Western countries.

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Gerald Jordan: I think contrast the concept of PG is rooted in a different history so it's rooted in like existential psychology religion spirituality.

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Gerald Jordan: The work of Carl Rogers and then with psychosis you know Robin kind of alluded to this before you could kind of be traced back the the work of.

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Gerald Jordan: Lang Carl young, who was really interested in the concept of how we become individualized as people and then john we are Perry, who worked with Carl Jung.

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Gerald Jordan: talked about how you know when you go through a psychosis it kind of initiate a process of.

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Gerald Jordan: Self renewal and individuation so you know going through a psychosis can help you kind of like become more of who you are.

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Gerald Jordan: Another key difference between recovery and post traumatic growth is that recovery is embedded within a social model of disability, at least it should be so you know to recover.

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Gerald Jordan: there's an expectation that you know there's an impairment, but then you also have to support people you know with housing with giving and jobs with you know, eliminating liberalism these types of things will help people recover.

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Gerald Jordan: But with P G, on the other hand, and as you want to kind of alluded to earlier it's mostly been embedded within like a psychological process where you know you're evaluating your thoughts and you're going through different types of rumination both.

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Gerald Jordan: Non deliberate than deliberate and PG kind of like flows from that and then, finally, my own work.

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Gerald Jordan: Looking at differences in between PG and recovery shows that most amount of growth is kind of correlated with you know with.

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Gerald Jordan: Some in the in the field with call personal recovery so personal recovery meaning, you know, whatever is assessed on the recovery assessment scale, which includes like having hope for the future.

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Gerald Jordan: Like a nomination my symptoms willingness to ask for help.

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Gerald Jordan: You know, things like that, however, post traumatic growth is not really is not at all correlated with with clinical forms of recovery, so it has nothing to do with.

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Gerald Jordan: You know whether somebody is limited from symptoms that has nothing to do with if someone has a job or not.

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Gerald Jordan: it's so it's it's that big doesn't seem to be like a clinical and indicator or I have anything to do with clinical clinical outcomes.

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Gerald Jordan: And I think this is this is actually a good thing, because it also it could show that you know whether someone is experiencing symptoms or.

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Gerald Jordan: Or, or you know not not at the stage where they're you know fully recovered or whatever symptom lies that tickets still find ways that they're they're growing, and you know appreciating life more and so forth, and I think that's that's kind of a message that could provide.

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Gerald Jordan: hope for for a lot of people.

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Gerald Jordan: And so now we're just going to move on to I guess the final part of where we're going to talk and we're going to just go over some of the research that we've done and.

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Gerald Jordan: You know how this all connects to the topic so I mean, in general, my my broader research is focused on you know, asking people.

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Gerald Jordan: interview questions about how they've they've grown after psychosis and also giving people questionnaires assessing their their growth so during my dissertation I gave.

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Gerald Jordan: You know, a measure of post traumatic growth, the 94 people who experienced the first episode of psychosis.

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Gerald Jordan: Now they were all you know receiving care at a specialized their lead dimension service and Canada and.

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Gerald Jordan: My and then I also interviewed 12 people to ask them about their own subjective experiences of what positive change was like.

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Gerald Jordan: And what what helped them experience positive change.

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Gerald Jordan: And so, when I gave people the questionnaires, I found that most people reported experiencing post traumatic growth and the the curve of responses was actually.

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Gerald Jordan: quite normal so that means that there were a lot of people that report, a growth and there were people that didn't report growth, but it was kind of like.

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Gerald Jordan: You know the way that an IQ curve looks so it's it's you know that that was to me very surprising.

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Gerald Jordan: And when I looked at all the domains of post traumatic growth, the one that people endorsed the most was having a greater appreciation for life.

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Gerald Jordan: And the domain that people endorsed the least was spiritual change, so I guess people didn't grow spiritually as much as they appreciate life more as a result of their experience of psychosis.

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Gerald Jordan: And then, when I ask people about the changes that they experienced the people talked about all the experience both declines and difficulties, following the psychosis.

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Gerald Jordan: However, they also talked about experiencing i'm sorry and improved health a stronger sense of self and improve personality stronger, more balanced spirituality and religiosity.

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Gerald Jordan: were improved relationships with others, improved lifestyles goals and expectations for the future.

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Gerald Jordan: And for a lot of people, these changes kind of represented fundamental shifts and how they were before, so these were like new ways that they they were you know they weren't like this before the psychosis or ever.

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Gerald Jordan: But then for other people, these changes kind of seeing the relate to attempt, for them to reconnect with all the word before the psychosis.

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Gerald Jordan: ever happened so like how they were as kids like trying to reconnect with how they you know i'll have a full playful and more

creative.

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Gerald Jordan: As as kids but then also attempts to kind of solve problems that people saw as perhaps precipitating the psychosis for the first time, so some people talked about how you know they they wanted to get rid of.

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Gerald Jordan: relationship, they want to end relationships with people that could they thought were toxic and let that the psychosis or some people, especially females that I interviewed.

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Gerald Jordan: talked about how they wanted to, and you know relationships with abusive partners and so forth, or even like we've you know somewhere in called the Left cults.

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Gerald Jordan: And then, like, I spoke to it, about a little bit a bit a little bit about earlier.

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Gerald Jordan: Some people also talked about how they want to like you know take their experience and give back to their communities and people that.

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Gerald Jordan: That were in their surroundings like loved ones and people talk about wanting to give back, especially if they seem to be in contact with others with lived experience so they were receiving your support.

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Gerald Jordan: And so you know I also ended up looking at how you know peer support kind of shapes or facilitates how people give back to their communities and so forth, and.

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Gerald Jordan: You know I found that you know it does, but what's important is for that peer support, not to be offered within a hospital based service.

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Gerald Jordan: When I interviewed people about you know why that is, they often said that because and hospital based services.

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Gerald Jordan: peer support workers are often doing the work of clinicians and they're not doing what makes peers very powerful powerful in the sense of facilitating you know growth type type outcomes so yeah that's my work in a nutshell.

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Gerald Jordan: I think fiona's yeah Robin would you like to discuss your research findings.

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Robyn Thomas: I share what i'm all right, so I did my master's dissertation research with participants from the UK Canada.

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Robyn Thomas: Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands, using in depth narrative interviews and one of the first thing that came up really clearly was people spoke about their their frustrations.

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Robyn Thomas: With not being allowed to talk about their experiences in psychosis and not being able to make sense of their experiences on their own terms, so often, they say, might be hospitalized and then they would be.

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Robyn Thomas: forced to accept the biomedical model so basically being told that their experiences have absolutely no meaning whatsoever and they're just symptoms of illness.

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Robyn Thomas: And, of course, that was also under the threat of course of care so being forced to take medications and being section against people's well and so that was perceived as i'm.

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Robyn Thomas: Quite damaging to people's well being and so people talked about a big part of how they were able to to find growth and positive change had to do with finding communities, whether that was online or in person.

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Robyn Thomas: That that allowed them to be where they were at in their journey.

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Robyn Thomas: That helps them interpret their experiences on their own terms and provided frameworks outside of the biomedical model that might be more culturally relevant, for example, and and being an environment that felt safe and like they had human rights.

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00:32:52.140 --> 00:32:53.970 Robyn Thomas: So psychosis was.

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Robyn Thomas: Sometimes thought of as as a type of person purposeful process and that again john we're Perry and are dealing talked about.

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Robyn Thomas: That allowed them to gain greater self understanding and insight and work through traumatic things that had happened in their life.

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Robyn Thomas: Of course, there were very negative experiences as well, but one of the big things that came up for people was an increase in compassion and capacity to love.

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Robyn Thomas: So some people talked about that in terms of going through this this really confusing and challenging time made people gain empathy and and helps them want to help others navigate through their own crisis.

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Robyn Thomas: And sometimes they felt that the experience of psychosis self kind of expanded their consciousness and the process of what they went through increase their capacity to love and to have stronger

relationships with themselves and others.

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Robyn Thomas: So one one participant says i'll just read it out it changes from selective love from exclusive love to an inclusive love towards everyone this universal versatile love for everyone and everything someone else talking about.

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Robyn Thomas: This intense love that you have that your system has for yourself, and when you experienced that that's so huge.

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Robyn Thomas: So that was that was part of their what they experienced in that the psychosis.

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Robyn Thomas: Another big one that came up was people talked about.

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Robyn Thomas: gaining a greater alignment with their authentic sense of self and their kind of life purpose.

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Robyn Thomas: So one person talked about how how this experience of psychosis has taken her on a path which has led her to find the things that are really me and find the things I really want to do.

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Robyn Thomas: And again, a lot of people talk about going into healing professions or entering peer support wanting to help others through lip their lived experience becoming more of themselves, not less.

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Robyn Thomas: Others talked about how their altered States really gave them a lot of creativity and informs their their art and their career and their drive that way.

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Robyn Thomas: And then yeah so and the sort of caveat with that is that people also talked about that they needed wraparound support to

achieve this, such as financial support so that they had a some sort of social safety net, so that they could achieve those goals on their own terms.

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Robyn Thomas: And then the last thing that was raised, which I found really interesting was talking about psychosis as a potential benefits the Community now of course we don't often hear that right we.

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Robyn Thomas: Research is focused on the the risk and harm that psychosis poses to society, we talk about global burdens of disease and disability adjusted life years and so.

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Robyn Thomas: We don't really give attention to how these altered states and different ways of knowing and sensing and experiencing the world can actually be a benefit to society.

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Robyn Thomas: And i'll read out another quote from our participants who says painful stuff is never individual that may be part of an individual journey but it's likely to also be part of greater issues that.

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Robyn Thomas: The individual could never tackle on their own, and we all miss out when we don't see when we don't face that issue or that complexity, or that pain, so the idea that.

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Robyn Thomas: A person's individual psychosis can provide insight into the wider culture and its values in qualities it's true shortcomings.

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Robyn Thomas: And again people having feeling like they have a deeper compassion and a greater sense of purpose and desire to help others.

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Robyn Thomas: is certainly a benefit, and when we incorporate these diverse ways of of being in the worlds that that can ripple out into the wider community, especially when we don't just kind of dismiss

them or write them off as a normal and deviant behavior.

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Gerald Jordan: that's so cool for anybody.

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Gerald Jordan: Who doesn't know Robin she she the the work that she just spoke about now is in her master's thesis and I had the privilege of reading it then Robin I emailed this I sent you an email about this, but it was so was so well written and.

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Gerald Jordan: I thought it was so cool to see that, like our research findings were kind of similar in a lot of ways, like.

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Gerald Jordan: You know, one of the limitations of the work that i've felt I did was like it was within a service, so I always wondered like if people were.

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Gerald Jordan: were talking about things, and like from the from their hips perspective of trying to please services and their clinicians and stuff and and the year that you know you you found the same types of stuff.

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Gerald Jordan: Not with outside the limitations of like how I recruit participants is like really super cool and I think yeah that's that's really good really good research and i'm looking forward to seeing your stuff in one day soon.

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Thanks.

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Gerald Jordan: All right, so Fiona would you like to share some of the work that you've that you've been doing.

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Fiona Ng: yeah so yeah I also wanted to encourage our it's what's about your research Robin yeah i'd love to do research in print, because I think it would be so beneficial to so many people so.

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Fiona Ng: The my research it's a little bit different I wasn't I guess I haven't had the opportunity to kind of go out and talk to people about their experiences with.

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Fiona Ng: us yet so my research is kind of US synthesis so I did a systematic review looking at what PT gene focuses, so my colleagues and I Jared good conducted a seven language matic reviews to identify what the predictors and also what the facilitate.

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Fiona Ng: Across psychosis continue continue off that we were interested in people who use mental health services and also there is to.

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Fiona Ng: Either I was just so that we can have a broad spectrum of perspectives as we were just saying before because, are they different of it not different from what it sounds like they're not that different.

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Fiona Ng: So we try to make it as short as possible, so be included all the papers that that use different methodology, so the papers that were qualitative quantitative and also mixed methods.

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Fiona Ng: So overall, we found that there were 37 people that met our vision criteria, although rigid search in seven languages, unfortunately, all the papers that came back were in English, despite our best efforts so that does say something about.

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Fiona Ng: The I guess cultural applicability of the findings also and might be more applicable to Western societies compared to for Western

or individualized you rather than collectivist society is the ball.

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Fiona Ng: and also the papers were predominantly qualitative was there, another copy of maybe more applicable to Western parties, but we did find that there were some papers that were quantitative for connected, so I think there was about six or seven.

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Fiona Ng: In terms of understanding the correlates and the mediators of PT G, we found that there were 11 factors that were positively associated with PG at these good things like having been in life being able to positively reframe situation having the urge to talk about.

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Fiona Ng: Their experiences and also actually disclosing to others about once experiences as well.

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Fiona Ng: There was other factors to deal with and self advocacy billions.

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Fiona Ng: A person's pissy level of social support which Robin talked about or a person's core beliefs and also a past tense of passing.

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Fiona Ng: Out there any factor that came up that was negatively associated was a clinical measure the pens are the positive and negative stress as which feeds into what Derek was saying that it's not quite related.

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Fiona Ng: In terms of mediators, we only found that there was one significant mediator, which was meaning in life.

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Fiona Ng: And this mediated the relationship between psychosis and PTT and I think this is really important, as it means that we need to really focus on people to make sense of their experiences and also to help them to find purpose.

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Fiona Ng: they're looking at some of the facilitators We found that there were seven.

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Fiona Ng: So this included things like personal identity of strength dissing.

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Fiona Ng: Like developing a sense of self efficacy and also the reconstruction of one sense of identity.

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Fiona Ng: and receiving support, so this included both almost supports, which is like therapeutic approaches, but also info for as far from like friends and family opportunities and possibilities of being able to identify when something is opportunity but also having willingness to have a go.

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Fiona Ng: i'm strategies for coping so not only developing you coping strategies but also developing new skills that are of value to oneself and also just to talk to all about once experiences perspective shifts the reframing of.

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Fiona Ng: The emotional experiences that came up, which was interesting and this not only kind of this wasn't only just about kind of improving once.

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Fiona Ng: Like symptoms like that it was also about seeking new information but also having empathy and compassion for oneself and others as well and, finally, the last one about having issues, improving once repetitious others well.

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Fiona Ng: And when we organize these facilitators be what we organize

the facilitators it's such a way to give the acronym prosper their.

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Fiona Ng: Future research will be using this prosper framework to develop an intervention that specifically targets PTT and people experienced my cases that that's a nutshell, what i've been doing with my research.

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Gerald Jordan: And that's that's a very that's a very cool nutshell yeah i'm so i'm so grateful.

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Gerald Jordan: To you, for for being involved in this paper I think it's a real game changer and I really I think it's going to like like help establish the field that like this field more and kind of like set the stage for, for you know the research to come.

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Gerald Jordan: In the future yeah and i'm really looking at so it's it's you know, hopefully it's going to be published soon and dmc psychiatry.

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Absolutely.

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Gerald Jordan: Okay.

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Gerald Jordan: And this is our final slide before we break the questions so so what, what do you think we need to do, or what should we focus on last or in the future when we're you know doing this type of work, if you want to, would you like to go first.

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Fiona Ng: yeah, so I think you know that not everyone who experiences by cases or decrease their kind of maybe having some understanding of how many people actually experienced that could help but also.

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Fiona Ng: Take quite a long time, I think, from research from academic psychology.

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Fiona Ng: Looking at like General populations and measuring PTT they suggest that PTT can take.

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Fiona Ng: Like it can take like up to three or four years for someone to experience PG but we don't really know how long it takes it psychosis and maybe getting some understanding of that might be important to make them to study.

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Fiona Ng: I think at the moment there's wasn't no specific kind of like psychological intervention that targets teams like is either the perhaps introducing the benches pedals.

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Fiona Ng: what's up, but it may also contribute to the treatment innovation Jason.

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Gerald Jordan: yeah cool those those Those are all serious gaps and the work and the research on and in practice that you've identified.

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Gerald Jordan: And you know, hopefully that's that's Those are some things that you're going to be able to pursue, as you move forward in your career and.

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00:46:28.950 --> 00:46:29.640 Gerald Jordan: What about you.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah definitely understanding the factors involved in why some people experience.

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Robyn Thomas: Post traumatic growth and positive change, and why others don't i'm really quite interested in.

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Robyn Thomas: Meaning making and how these these frameworks for for understanding psychosis impact recovery outcomes so, for example, if someone's told that their condition is sort of chronic and debilitating How does that then.

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Robyn Thomas: influence their identity and and kind of understand their their sense of hopefulness about the future versus other frameworks that might be.

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Robyn Thomas: More more fluid and might allow the person to.

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Robyn Thomas: interpret things interpret their experiences in a more collaborative way.

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Robyn Thomas: So so yeah that's definitely one and then also understanding how a person's support network and social network sort of influences post traumatic growth because you know as a lot of people with.

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Robyn Thomas: family members going through psychosis know it is something that that really affects the whole family and the whole social circles so so yeah that that relationship with with other people in the social network is something i'm interested in too.

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Gerald Jordan: cool yeah that sounds that sounds good, and you know if you go on to do a PhD those sound like cool ideas to like pursue and to look to look into it in more depth.

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Gerald Jordan: For my perspective, i'm i'm more interested in looking at how like broader things kind of influenced post traumatic growth like.

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Gerald Jordan: So I kind of you know, economic factors political factors cultural factors social factors like How does, how does all that kind of stuff kind of shape poster amount of growth, I think we have like kind of a sense.

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Gerald Jordan: about how post traumatic growth in general is shaped by you know some things that are more proximal to people, but we don't really have like a good understanding of like how these broader things kind of make post traumatic growth or positive change.

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Gerald Jordan: More more easy or difficult the experience for some people.

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Gerald Jordan: So with that I think we're we're done our our the conversation part of our presentation so i'll stop sharing and.

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Gerald Jordan: I guess I could I could moderate the questions i'm just looking through the chat and i'll.

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Gerald Jordan: start by.

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Gerald Jordan: somewhere.

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Gerald Jordan: Actually I moved the the zoom box thing in a corner, so I couldn't see what anybody would look like during the presentation so.

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Gerald Jordan: I hope I didn't look strange strange.

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Graziela do Reis: hi Janet I can't help you so we have a question for the three of you it's how close is self efficacy to an internal walks

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control.
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Graziela do Reis: And the second question is.
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Graziela do Reis: Please talk more about shame is relation now what
that means.
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Gerald Jordan: So I guess the, the first question about internal locus
of control and self efficacy is that do you think that might be in
relation to post traumatic growth.
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Robyn Thomas: You know, the question is from Douglas did you want to
maybe elaborate on that question about.
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Robyn Thomas: um.
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Robyn Thomas: Go ahead.
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Fiona Ng: I might take it, and really naive stab at the self advocacy
versus because we can show question.
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Fiona Ng: I think self efficacy, has to do with someone's belief
systems so it's about whether or not they believe that they can, for
example, tuition price internal locus of control, I think it's also to
do with that belief system but.
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Fiona Ng: it's about I think it's like how much influence that they
can exert over the situation, so I think this I think they're related,
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but there are subtle differences.

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Fiona Ng: That is my naive data thought I apologize.

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Gerald Jordan: I don't think I could have I have anything like that um I really don't know much about that kind of stuff.

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Gerald Jordan: well.

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Gerald Jordan: Is there a possibility of a new thing Douglas so that he could elaborate a little bit.

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Gerald Jordan: They are able to unmute now, so I guess Douglas you're able to unmute yourself.

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Douglas Laird: I really was helpful Fiona was in relation to your comment in you, in your talk yes.

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Douglas Laird: And so I mean how you relate to somebody with their experience i'm not sure how to explain any further, but yeah that's good answer, thank you.

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Gerald Jordan: Was was there a second question godzilla.

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Graziela do Reis: Yes, that is a question that is just to talk a little bit more about shame me it's relational so what that means.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah I mean I think when it comes to something like psychosis that still so stigmatized in our culture, people can internalize that and.

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Robyn Thomas: Shame can definitely be an obstacle in.

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Robyn Thomas: experiencing you know positive changes in growth and psychosis and in terms of it being relational I think it absolutely is dependent on.

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Robyn Thomas: People people around that person their family their friends their social circle, colleagues, I mean if they're if they're really.

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Robyn Thomas: You know, afraid of what that person is going through if they feel it's.

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Robyn Thomas: embarrassing or uncomfortable I mean psychosis is something that isn't really talked a lot about in our society, we often we often hear about you know anxiety and depression, and so I think there's a lot of myths and a lot of misunderstanding.

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Robyn Thomas: And as well in our in our mental health services psychosis is often really quite stigmatized and people are treated with a lot more coercion and force, and so I think that can definitely increase a person's sense of shame when when that's what's being reflected to them.

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Robyn Thomas: So hopefully part of this work that we're doing is.

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Robyn Thomas: Just eradicating some of those myths and and showing that psychosis you know, there is a lot of hope for growth and positive change and kind of challenging some of our assumptions about

about madness and normalcy.

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Robyn Thomas: Hopefully that answers your question.

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Graziela do Reis: that's going to have two more questions for you, and that is one question that's for you um.

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Fiona Ng: yeah in terms of interventions, yes, and in our next webinar will be talking about specific interventions that we will that can be used and i'll be talking a lot more about the intervention that I will be developing ah.

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Fiona Ng: dude so in a nutshell, it kind of combines cognitive behavioral and narrative therapy techniques.

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Fiona Ng: help people grow from trauma in integrates peer support and, yes, it is delivered online.

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Graziela do Reis: Thank you very much, and that is another question pan any thoughts on how to make space for great recognition of the tg wise to allowing for their knowledge meant.

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Graziela do Reis: For some, the experience of, say, causes maybe feel like it is corrupted is it more by laws, then grow.

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Graziela do Reis: some thoughts about this question.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah I think it's, of course, really important to again

acknowledge that not everyone has this.

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Robyn Thomas: sort of beneficial experience and psychosis so a lot of people do feel a significant sense of loss loss of identity, loss of sense of self loss of job or.

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Robyn Thomas: or or friendships, and so this and, like I think Gerald and Fiona mentioned people don't necessarily experience post traumatic growth, right after an episode of psychosis it might be something that they experience five or 10 years later, when they've had some time to process that experience.

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Robyn Thomas: And I think with alternative models like open dialogue, for example, there's a forum where people can share those those experiences of of loss and grief and anger and confusion and despair about what they're going through.

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Robyn Thomas: And I think that sometimes in our current mental health system there isn't really space to talk about any of these things versus just reduced to a biological illness and so there's not not really a space for them to talk about.

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Robyn Thomas: Talk about what they're going through talk about their interpretations of the content of psychosis but also of course those those really big emotions.

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Gerald Jordan: I would, I agree, and I would just like that it's it's not like everyone is going to be fully completely transformed.

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Gerald Jordan: You know into better people through their like it might just be they appreciate life more, but then you know they're still struggling with everything else you know so.

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Gerald Jordan: it's it's not like you're either growing or you're not

growing or you've grown, or you haven't grown it's just like it could be a part of how people are changing.

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Gerald Jordan: After they've gone through some something difficult, but then there's you know, so this there's there's space for that.

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Gerald Jordan: That sliver sometimes or maybe space for something a bit more broader in terms of how people are going to change but it's always you know, usually it's usually accompanied by.

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Gerald Jordan: a space where people are still are still struggling and that's my perspective, where we should be supporting people, the most where the struggling.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah there's also a comment by rory here that says loss and growth also aren't mutually exclusive, which I think it's a great point.

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Graziela do Reis: Well, we have a couple of questions here.

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Graziela do Reis: have one question Jared I think that says it's for you, because it's about.

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Graziela do Reis: With the intense pressure on safety services to recover almost in first and way, do you have any word is about how the concept of fostering magical grow maybe use it.

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Gerald Jordan: yeah I worry about that constantly I mean not 24 hours a day, but it's something that I worry a lot about the nuts, you know.

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Gerald Jordan: I don't think we have like a set of ethics or.

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Gerald Jordan: Any any way of doing this, any you know, we need to develop like.

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Gerald Jordan: ideas about how to if we're going to intervene and help people grow or whatever, in a way that that doesn't do that and i'm not sure if, like I haven't figured it out i've been trying to figure this out for.

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Gerald Jordan: Like years and years, and so i'm very worried about it and, like i'm not someone who's grown from anything that i've gone through and i've gone through all kinds of stuff myself.

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Gerald Jordan: So yeah I do worry about it and i'm sorry I don't have like an answer for how to how to solve that.

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Graziela do Reis: I can attach robbing Fiona.

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Fiona Ng: yeah I agree with Jared but it's the same with like the recovering or when the corruption and.

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Fiona Ng: i've heard stories about this is kind of like click services data services oh you've hit your recovery target, so we don't want anymore and that's definitely not what we want, particularly with PGI so.

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Fiona Ng: yeah, how do we stop near the reason i'm not sure.

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Gerald Jordan: I just wanted to add one more thing, like.

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Gerald Jordan: Like the the people who developed the the PT G model have have kind of done a lot of like work around how to integrate this kind of stuff into clinical practice and they've always emphasized that you know.

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Gerald Jordan: The we should do is you know facilitate it so if someone mentions that they're they're growing, then you just kind of nudge them in a direction.

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Gerald Jordan: But you don't force anyone to grow, or you don't force people to be anything like you're there to support them and then you know.

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Gerald Jordan: If if something comes up and they're like well, I think I appreciate my life more than you don't dismiss it you don't tell them that they're being delusional because, how could you appreciate life more.

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Gerald Jordan: You know you got a mental illness, like you, don't say that kind of stuff you'd be like okay well that's great so let's explore that a little bit like so and that's how to ski and calhoun kind of talk about how to do this.

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Robyn Thomas: yeah and I think it's.

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Robyn Thomas: also interesting to look at PG PG as a form of resistance, because often people who are given these sorts of diagnosis, are also.

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Robyn Thomas: Given a really bleak sense of their futures.

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Robyn Thomas: And, and the idea of of I think positive growth and change isn't always accepted um in in the biomedical model, so I was actually talking with an academic and clinician about it, recently said, oh no that doesn't exist that's not possible.

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Robyn Thomas: And so I think again psychiatry people, people who have.

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Robyn Thomas: been through psychiatry are often dismissed and invalidated and yet there are people who want to speak about their experiences of transformation and growth, and I think it's really important that we.

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Robyn Thomas: allow them to share those experiences and to create a space for them to talk about that, without just dismissing it as some sort of delusional thinking which it often is.

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Robyn Thomas: So so again it's certainly it's not about putting pressure on people to experience this growth but it's it's acknowledging that that it.

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Robyn Thomas: That it does happen, and again trying to figure out how can can we as a society as service providers as family members and loved ones and friends so support that process and people.

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01:02:18.090 --> 01:02:19.320 Robyn Thomas: On their terms.

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Graziela do Reis: Yes, oh many, many Thank you to the three of you.

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Graziela do Reis: Robin and if you're not so the chat has a lot of questions whether you asked him to come in two weeks.

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Graziela do Reis: When we will be offering the webinar the second

webinar We will continue this conversation will be sure that everyone say how the questions.

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Graziela do Reis: So I would like to thank you, our so how a wonderful conversation, and thank you and.

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Graziela do Reis: dance the webinar will be available and two days, please this tomorrow, this this to your page at me he says, see share the information with your fans and kimmy.

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Graziela do Reis: To come to participate in the next webinar on November 17 from 1pm to 2pm, so I would like to thank you again and have a great great great week and a wonderful weekend Thank you how.

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Robyn Thomas: Thank you.

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Thanks.