



**College of
Psychiatrists
of Ireland**

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Anthropological Aspects of Psychiatry feature at upcoming Annual General Meeting

An AGM of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland will take place this Friday afternoon, 4th March 2016, in the Ashling Hotel Dublin where attending members as well as being presented with summary activity of each division of the College will be briefed on finances and matters arising from last year's AGM.

Preceding the AGM an academic session (1 CPD point) will be presented by **Dr BethAnn Roch** on the topic of '**Anthropology and its relevance to Psychiatry**'.

Dr BethAnn Roch has a background in both anthropology and medicine. She is a co-founder of the Irish Medical Anthropology Network and member of a European working group for teaching medical anthropology to health professionals. After a period in General Practice, Dr Roch worked as a Public Health Physician based in Donegal and then Kilkenny, latterly with a special interest in drinking water. Since retiring from the Health Service Executive in 2010 she has been working with colleagues to develop the links between anthropology and health.

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Note to editor:

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland was formed in 2009. It is the professional body for psychiatrists in the Republic of Ireland. The Mission of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is to promote excellence in the practice of psychiatry. The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is the sole body recognised by the Medical Council and the HSE for the training of doctors to become specialists in psychiatry and for the continuing assurance of the career long competence of specialists in psychiatry. The College supports the delivery of mental health services in line with the recovery model and supports the delivery of the national policy on mental health services A Vision for Change.