



International Initiative
for Mental Health
Leadership

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New partnership between the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL) and United for Global Mental Health (UnitedGMH) announced.

IIMHL is delighted to confirm its formal collaboration with UnitedGMH in a shared mission to enable better mental health across the world.

The partnership will strengthen engagement and knowledge of the challenges and solutions for improving mental health regardless of where people live, work, or come from. Both organisations are committed to advancing a more inclusive agenda for people with lived experience of mental health.

Steve Appleton, President & Chief Executive, IIMHL said:

“This is a very exciting partnership. We are committed to building on our collective strengths, networks and resources based on our shared values and objectives to improve mental health and wellbeing. Whilst IIMHL has been operating for over 18 years and brings extensive global insights through a well-developed network of mental health leaders and professionals, United GMH are experts in ensuring persons with lived experience can influence changes in policy and direction. This combination will ensure meaningful actions are found to influence and inform global practices in a more inclusive way.”

Sarah Kline, CEO United for Global Mental Health said:

“We are very pleased to formalise our longstanding friendship with IIMHL based on our shared goal of connecting and supporting those working to improve mental health around the world. The Global Mental Health Action Network, for which we operate the secretariat, now has over 1700 members in 117 countries who are working to drive positive change at local, national and/or global level. We look forward to working with IIMHL to encourage and develop leaders in all areas of society to understand and prioritise the mental health needs of their communities, and work towards better mental health for all.”