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## DIALOG+ PILOT: FIRST IMPRESSIONS

*"The first session with the app - actually left her feeling that she was listened to - in her own words "I feel that for the first time - I have said all that has been bothering me in terms of my functioning" And, she adds, "you have spoken to me and not my husband... that makes me feel even better"*

Clinicians enrolled in delivering DIALOG+ pilot give their first impressions. [Click here to head the full article](#), written by Dr. Padmavati R, PIECES CO-Investigator

# ARTS WORKSHOPS



Research teams in India and Pakistan have been delivering Arts workshops, supported by CO-I Prof. Paul Heritage and delivered by local arts partners Interactive Resource Centre (Pakistan) and Training Sideways (India). The workshops seek to stimulate honest dialogue and enable new methodologies for making the voices of people with lived experience be heard. Workshops were initially piloted with local partners, then with healthcare workers and representatives from local hospitals, and patients with experience of psychosis and carers. [Click here to read the first impressions on the experience](#) in Pakistan and an [Interview with one of the Arts Facilitators](#) in India.



## LEAP

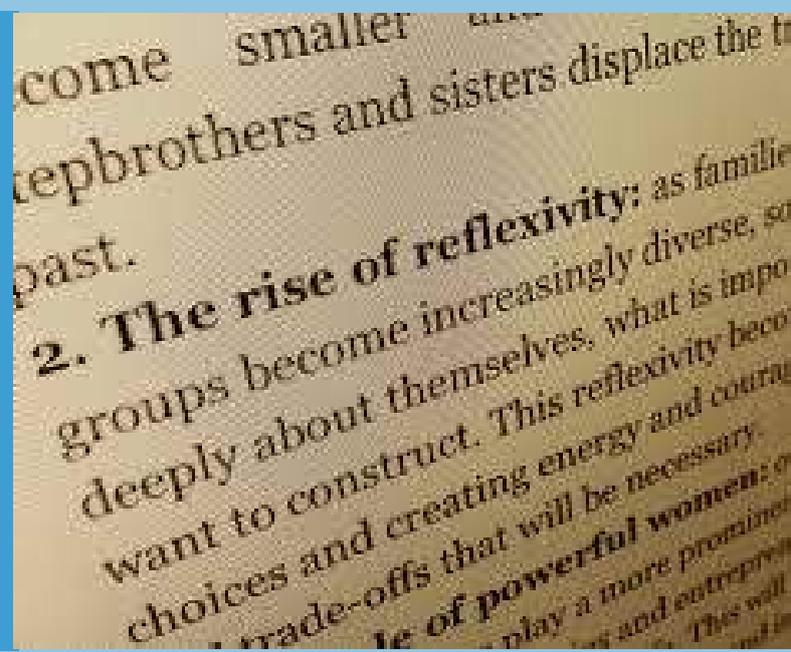
PIECES also runs a Lived Experience Advisory Panel (LEAP), bringing people with lived experience of severe mental health illnesses and carers to help as a critical panel supporting the decisions, adaptations and evaluations made in the whole process of the research.

"Stuck in a vacuum". This is how I describe myself during the pandemic. Now I got relief from the vacuum thanks to LEAP, listening and more importantly talking. Yes as a patient, I am always blessed to have listened, but that is a very novel experience.

Ramana - LEAP Member in India

# REFLEXIVE ANALYSIS

The team is also working with Dr. Kausar Khan, PIECEs consultant for Public Engagement in healthcare, to develop a reflexivity approach to collecting and analysing data, a key tool to reduce the likelihood of researcher bias. [Click here](#) to view her initial visual map for reflexive analysis while working with patients with experience of psychosis and their carers.



## INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

**We are please to announce and welcome our International Advisory Board to the PIECEs team**

**Dr. James Kirkbride (chair)/ UK** - Psychiatric epidemiologist based in the Division of Psychiatry, UCL, interested in the social determinants of psychosis at multiple levels of causation across the life course

**Amrit Bakhshy (member)/ India** - President of Schizophrenia Awareness Association Pune (India), and a caregiver of his daughter, his only child for the last 24 years.

**Dr. Asma Humayun (member)/ Pakistan** - Senior Technical Advisor for Mental Health for the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives in Pakistan.

**Dr. Jagadisha Thirthalli (member)/ India** - Professor of Psychiatry and Head, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, National Institute for Mental Health and Neurosciences (India)

**Dr. Murad Moosa Khan (member)/ Pakistan** - Dr. Murad is a Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychiatry at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan.

**Dr. Shama Dossa (member)/ Pakistan** - Dr. Shama Dossa is a community development practitioner, researcher and academic with over fifteen years of experience working in the Asia-Pacific region

## WHO MAKES PIECES?

PIECEs is Funded by **NIHR** and runs from September 2020 to August 2024. It is jointly developed by the **Unit for Social and Community Psychiatry** (Queen Mary University of London), **Schizophrenia Research Foundation** (SCARF - Chennai, India) and **Interactive Research and Development** (IRD - Karachi, Pakistan), in partnership with the **London School of Economics (LSE)**, **Warwick University** and **Aga Khan University**. **People's Palace Projects (PPP)**, an arts research centre related to Queen Mary University of London, will lead the arts work in partnership with the appointed local arts organisations (**Training Sideways** in India and **Interactive Resource Centre** in Pakistan). Hospitals **Karwan e Hayat** and **Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre** are also partners in Pakistan

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