



BECOMING PART OF THE LARGER MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTION

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Introduction

The title of this plenary is: becoming part of the larger mental health solution. This is a session about how the treasure trove of Clubhouse values and practices **CAN** – and in fact, **IS** – changing the way the world engages with its citizens whose lives have been impacted by devastating diseases of the brain.

This afternoon's plenary session is NOT going to be about the topic we discussed together many times before -- how Clubhouses can be strengthened by creating good partnerships with businesses, organizations and institutions in their local communities. Rather, this session is going to be about the reverse of that equation: -- how these businesses, organizations and institutions – and our world – are being strengthened and transformed by their partnerships with their local Clubhouses.

Although as Clubhouses our primary focus has always been on building up our individual Clubhouse communities – and then on building up our international Clubhouse movement – our values and our passion and our commitment to high quality have inadvertently sent out powerful waves of positive change that are helping to transform the 'Larger Mental Health Solution' in our world.

Let's listen to how the Clubhouses on this panel have begun to rearrange and remold the way our world engages with people living with mental illness.

Our speakers this afternoon are:

- Marjukka Friman-Reinikka, Helsingin Klubitalo, Finland
- Maresa Ness, Mosaic Clubhouse, England
- Criss Habal-Brosek, Progress Place, Canada
- Carrie Shaw, Progress Place Board member, Canada
- Elliott Steele, Vincent House Board member, Florida

Conclusion

Thank you all so much.

We have heard about many ways that our Clubhouses can have had enormous impacts on the larger mental health solutions in our world. Our entire Clubhouse community needs to remember: our impact is larger than what we do every day in our Clubhouses!

We can, and we are, changing the way the world perceives and engages people with mental illness!

Thank you.