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Wednesday and Thursday, October 27-28, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, EST

For the 8th annual

International Recovery and Citizenship Collective (IRCC) Conference

Recovery and Citizenship Innovations During COVID-19

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Who is the IRCC?



The International Recovery & Citizenship Collective (IRCC) is a global collaborative of policy-makers, health care providers, persons with lived experience, advocates, researchers, and other stakeholders. The IRCC envisions a world in which people thrive, are connected to their communities, and live meaningful lives.

The IRCC grew out of the Citizenship work of Dr. Michael Rowe, Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University. As Dr. Rowe's work and reputation grew, stakeholders around the world became engaged with Dr. Rowe, leading to the first IRCC Conference in 2014, held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and New Haven, Connecticut, USA. IRCC Conferences have also been held in Glasgow, Scotland; and Barcelona, Spain – as well as on Zoom.

Citizenship and Mental Health: Our goals for this conference



Since the 1960s, social inclusion and community integration have been core promises of U.S. community mental health.

However, these promises have been difficult to deliver on for complex and varied reasons including discrimination, poverty, and fragmented social and health care systems. COVID-19 has exacerbated the gross disparities in service provision, access, and care. Yet in spite of these systemic inequities, deeply caring advocates, activists, and professionals have found a way to serve the underserved. We will hear from them at the conference and want to hear from you so we can all learn and grow together.

PLEASE JOIN US!

? What do we mean by "Citizenship"?



We define "Citizenship" as a person's strong connection to the **Five R's**

of **rights, responsibilities, roles, resources, and relationships**, and a sense of **belonging** that is validated by others.

The **Five R's** form the core of any person's social and civic identity in the world and are the building blocks of an individual's life in community. Each person's connection to the Five R's is unique. Through the Five R's, over time, we all construct our lives, both public and private.

While "citizenship" in political discourse often refers to membership in a particular nation-state, our definition is broader and encompasses many different dimensions of social participation and belonging.

To learn more about Citizenship, please visit the Citizens Community Collaborative website, [Welcome | Citizens Community Collaborative \(yale.edu\)](http://Welcome | Citizens Community Collaborative (yale.edu))

