

# Psychiatric Continuing Professional Development

## The Importance Of A Forgiving Heart

June 3, 2014 8-9am

At the EMP Theatre - Coffee and Muffins at 7:45!

How many clients/patients are struggling with a burden of hurt, anger, even need of revenge over past mistreatments or injustices?

Whether it's within their family, marriage, workplace, brushes with the legal system, ill treatment by society at large, or the mental health system itself - these hurts and frustrations can exacerbate an illness and block progress toward recovery.

We'll show segments from the film and Q&A with Bill Williams about his remarkable story and how it might apply in clinical practice.

Objectives:

- To present segments of this filmed story that describes Bill Williams' journey of recovery

**note: from May 28 to June 6 the full 34 minute film is available to watch on line**

<https://vimeo.com/67445785> - password "Bill"

- To demonstrate the impact of the theme of forgiveness in the recovery journey

- To demonstrate the application of media, especially peer stories, in PSR

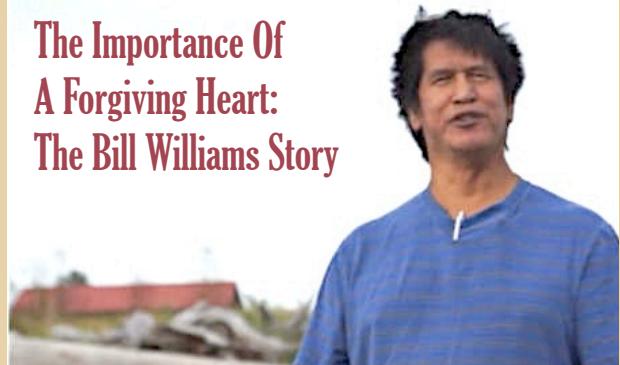
- To encourage film and media literacy

the Movie Monday event:

**6:30 Monday June 2**

**By donation at the EMP Theatre**

The Importance Of  
A Forgiving Heart:  
The Bill Williams Story



This simple short film has a profound message. Bill Williams, born on Vancouver Island with club feet, deaf and borderline mentally challenged, tells us his story humbly and with humour and restraint. We drive with him on one of his many trips to help his First Nations neighbours along the flowing river. Scenes of its beauty soothe us as they are intercut with the harrowing details of Bill's life of abusive foster care and alcoholism. The river's clear, flowing water becomes a powerful symbol of transformation as Bill explains how he has achieved balance, serenity and a productive life. 34min 2013 Pg13

an article about the making of this film and Bill's story:

<http://saltspringexchange.com/2014/02/14/the-importance-of-a-forgiving-heart-the-bill-williams-story/>

In collaboration with **Movie Monday**