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The Centre for Medical Humanities with the Institute of Advanced Study present

**Avatar therapy for persecutory auditory hallucinations
unresponsive to medication**
Professor Julian Leff

Thursday 10 November, 3pm
Birley Room
Hatfield College, Durham University DH1 3RQ

A special seminar in connection with visiting fellows Professor Marius Romme and Dr Sandra Escher

One in three patients with auditory hallucinations fail to respond to medication. A computer based system has been developed which enables the patient to create an avatar of the entity they believe is speaking to them. A dialogue is initiated between the patient and their avatar in which the avatar progressively comes under their control. This change in the power relationship generalises to everyday life, with great benefit to the patients.

Julian Leff is Emeritus Professor at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. He trained at University College Hospital (UCH) and the Maudsley. His special interests are working with families, evaluating psychosocial interventions, ethnic minorities and psychosis.

RSVPs <<mailto:angela.woods@durham.ac.uk>> essential by Monday 7 November. All welcome.