

WE NEED
YOU!



Suicide Prevention

It's Every Body's Business!

'When I wish upon a star!'

I'm still crazy! After all these years...

I've always been a little bit 'crazy' myself. You've just got to be crazy to end up busking on the London streets and underground like I did in 1973! I never lived on the streets, but spent a lot of time there, it was one of the richest times of my life. Unlike violent New York which I visited the same year, **where any wrong move you made could literally be UR last**, London was a pretty safe working environment. When they were'nt moving you on, the Bobbies were pretty friendly. *'Can you play us a beatles song!'*

I joined a wonderful group of 'crazy' people who did Street Theatre (and on the Subways), and who also hired themselves out if you wanted any party you were having 'livened up!' They would all 'roll up' impersonating all sorts of characters and interact with your guests! They were all master impersonators, and even in our meetings you were never fully sure exactly who the real person was you were talking to! **I don't think there was a single member of this group who any Psychiatrist would give a 'clean bill of health' to!** But we 'generated' so much fun, and never hurt anyone!

So I have a great affinity with all those wonderful people in our Community who are **Differently Emotionally Abled** and/or live with a mental illness, e.g. those with depression, schizophrenia, bi polar etc, who at times struggle to get through their days not only in their 'lows' - but in their beautiful highs!

It's always been said there's a very thin line between genius and madness. Imagine our world without Vincent van Gogh, Ludwig van Beethoven and Wolfgang Mozart, who ALL struggled with their own 'personal emotional demons' but gave our world so very, very so much!

This column values, upholds, salutes and supports ALL the wonderful people in our Community who are Differently Emotionally Abled, their 'connections', and carers. They may have to work harder to stay alive, halfway happy and functional, but give us so much richness and diversity. x.

Why do I support and champion YOU? Because I still do 'crazy' things like write this column - and walk with my dogs in the early hours beneath my beautiful stars. Once or twice a year in summer when the temperature is just right, without a single 'stich' on, except a pair of shoes and my hat. This is MY CHURCH. It's the biggest Cathedral in the world! Me? Crazy? Yes...

😊 **I'm STILL just as crazy! Even after ALL these years!** 😊

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