

MADSense Seminar (90-120 Minutes)

Someone you know hears voices—for parents and friends



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The age of onset of hearing voices and other forms of anomalous perception (unusual thoughts, visions, dreams) is between 14–24 in over 80% of cases.

Parents and friends take strain too and need help for themselves and the hearer.
You can Make A Difference!

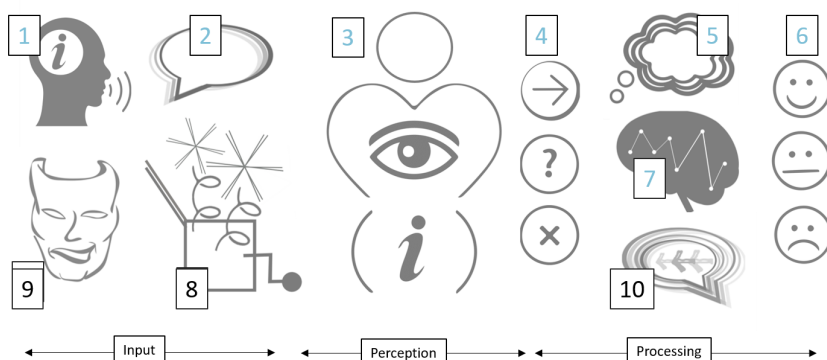
The Hearing Voices or “MAD” experience is complex, confusing and debilitating for many. Relationships suffer through lack of understanding and difficulty in talking about it in a helpful way. Progress in life becomes difficult and independence is lost, impacting the voice hearer as well as family and friends in many ways.

Perceptual distortions heard as voices assert an abusive relationship over the hearer, presenting a constant threat to and distraction from life. The voice hearer becomes absorbed in the ‘world of voices’, withdrawing from the opportunities the world offers through a lack of confidence, aggravated by the stigma associated with the phenomenon in most societies and communities.

Youngsters are afraid to seek help or lose hope when they do because they are told that their future is bleak. Parents who had high hopes for their child are devastated and face the costs of taking care of their child and worry what will happen when they die.

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Components of anomalous perception



By comparing everyday experiences of speaking to someone to the anomalous ‘hearing a voice’ experience you will gain a new understanding of the experience AND a framework for structuring conversations about it to offer pragmatic support and guidance to your child or friend.

You will also gain hope—the experience is effectively a response to bad information that is difficult to dismiss because of the unusual way in which it arrives.

Where and when? How much?

This introductory seminar is available for any audience.

Come and learn about:

- How your mind works at making you happy
- How anomalous inputs disrupt this natural process
- How to help your child/friend identify and dismiss these input anomalies
- How to unravel unhelpful, unusual beliefs derived through the experience

About Gregory Shankland aka greggieboy (My voices call me greggieboy)
I am a voice hearer and business strategist. MADSense offers new insights for voice-hearers, family members/friends, and mental health professionals to break through the MAD experience. Let’s make #MADSense together!