EDITORIAL

Tribute to Professor Steve Baldwin

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Steve Baldwin, PhD, in a train crash on Ash Wednesday, 2001. Steve Baldwin was a close friend and a gentle, caring person of integrity. He was loved by many people around the world with whom we have spoken since his death.

Steve was a member of the International Advisory Council of our non-profit International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology (ICSPP). He was the European Director for the ICSPP and helped to found this journal.

Steve believed fiercely in speaking up for vulnerable persons exposed to the hazards of biological psychiatry, despite personal and professional risks. We spoke on several occasions about the potential costs and moral rewards of being brave in the face of bio-psychiatry and the psycho-pharmaceutical complex. Steve was very ethical and courageous.

One of Steve's deepest and most abiding concerns was about the psychiatric use of electroshock, especially on children. In addition to a number of published papers, Steve had just published his first book, *Electroshock and Minors: A Fifty-Year Review*, with co-author Melissa Oxlad.

After joining the ICSPP Advisory Council and accepting his professorship at the University of Teesside, Steve took up the task of speaking up for children labeled ADHD. He emphasized the need for individualized educational and psychological help rather than prescribed stimulants. He made many public appearances and spoke up for children often through the media. He was the leader in Great Britain in defending children against behavioral control through psychiatric medication.

Steve and the ICSPP Advisory Council member David Stein, PhD, had recently founded and obtained funding for a clinic at the University of Teesside to offer non-drug help to families whose children have been labeled ADHD. This is one of the most important and innovative projects in the field of child mental health and well-being.

The children of the United Kingdom and vulnerable people everywhere have lost a true and good friend. We all miss him very much.

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