

Douglas Blogger Rules

Background

Douglas Blogs (published on the Web site www.blog.douglas.qc.ca) are intended for either the members of the general public or, more specifically, workers and scientists in the field of mental health. The main objectives of Douglas blogs are to:

- Educate the public about mental health issues to demystify mental illness.

OR

- Share knowledge about mental health (in care, research or teaching) with workers and scientists in the health field.

Blogs are part of the public domain. All Web users can read blog posts and comment on them if they wish.

Bloggers (the authors of blogs) are free to write in the language of their choice (French or English).

A Blog's content is under the sole responsibility of the blogger and must respect the rules below.

Rules of conduct

The following conduct on any Douglas blog is prohibited:

- Illegal activity in any form, particularly the unauthorized copying or distributing of software, photographs, images, videos or other multimedia files (except with the prior written consent of the author); harassment; fraud; illegal trade; defamation; racial discrimination; incitement to violence; or hate-mongering.
- The publication of content that infringes the rights of others; that is of a defamatory, insulting, indecent or offending nature; or that could lead to conflicts of interest.
- Content that is violent or that incites violence; that is political, racist or xenophobic; or that is pornographic, pedophilic or negationist in nature.
- The publication of texts for the purposes of propaganda or proselytizing or for professional, commercial, political or religious aims.
- The disclosure of information relating to the name or precise identity of any physical person or legal entity if the person or entity concerned has disagreed to be published on the blog.

Responsibility

The Douglas Institute is the owner of all Douglas blogs published on www.blog.douglas.qc.ca.

The Communications and Public Affairs Department of the Douglas is the manager and administrator of this site.

Bloggers are responsible for the content of their Blogs no matter what the content's nature (i.e., text, images, sound, video, etc.). Bloggers are the owners of the text they write and publish.

Moderating Blogs

All blog authors shall commit to immediately informing the Communications and Public Affairs Department of the Douglas (by e-mail to comm@douglas.mcgill.ca) of any complaints or actions of third parties concerning the content of their blogs.

The Douglas reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to refuse or suspend the access or publication of all or part of a blog or to ask the blogger concerned to remove any content that clearly contravenes these rules or any applicable acts and regulations. If necessary, this procedure will be implemented by the Communications and Public Affairs Department Head or by a representative in the case of absence.

Commitment

Bloggers shall commit to:

- Publishing information that is clear and accurate; that respects the vision, mission and values of the Douglas; and that complies with the objectives of the Douglas Blogosphere.
- Publishing content on a regular basis (at least once a month).
- Writing posts that focus on the blog's main topic.
- Verifying the quality of written texts (grammar, spelling and syntax) and quickly correcting any errors.
- Being transparent.
- Creating hyperlinks to on-line references and citing original sources.
- Never removing messages unless they contravene these rules or any applicable acts and regulations.
- Publishing all comments they receive, unless the comment is a spam message or an inappropriate comment.
- Answering e-mails and appropriate comments as soon as possible.
- Respecting these rules.

Read and approved by the blogger

First name

Last name

Signature