

Bert Johnson



Bert Johnson is the President of EUFAMI and Chair of its Board of Directors. As such he leads an organisation which has 45 member associations from 28 countries across Europe whose founding principle is a commitment to improve the care and welfare of all persons who are affected by mental illness. Its distinctive point of reference is the impact of mental illness on families.

He is also Chair of the Trustees of Rethink Mental Illness, the largest membership charity in England for people affected by mental illness, notably schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and clinical depression. It provides services for thousands of such people, and campaigns on their behalf for improvements in public service provision and for changes in public attitudes to mental illness to reduce stigma and discrimination whether in employment or society at large.

He has been active over the years in establishing voluntary local groups for users of mental health services and their cares, providing practical and emotional support and essential information on the range of subjects of interest to them.

His professional career was in the public service in the UK, rising to a senior position in the employment field, including training and occupations for people with disabilities of all kinds, physical and psychological.

His early academic qualifications included degrees from Oxford and London Universities in psychology and accountancy.