

Dear friends,

very sad news. Hannelore Klafki does not live any more. Totally unexpected she died one day after her 53th birthday at September 4, 2005, obviously from natural cause. Her death is an incredible loss for us.

Hannelore was one of the most important activists of users/survivors of psychiatry—kind, clear, competent, sensible, responsible, prudent. Between many other activities, she was the founder of the German Hearing Voices Network, she was until her death in the board of the German Organisation of (ex-)Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (BPE), she was in the board of the regional Berlin organisation of users/survivors of psychiatry BOP&P, she was member and trainer within the Berlin organisation In Any Case. She worked—as my first and only colleague—in my small Publishing House since August 2005.

Between other international activities, in 2004 she participated at the Joined Congress of the European Network of (ex-)Users and Survivors of Psychiatry and the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Denmark and at the ENMESH-conference in London. This November she planned to travel to the NARPA-congress in Hartford, CT, to run a work-shop about coping with hearing voices.

All who understand German or want to see her picture, which she liked most from herself, may have a look on the BPE-information page dedicated to Hannelore:

<http://www.bpe-online.de/aktuelles/hannelore.htm>

I have no words any more.

In sadness

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Altmann', written in a cursive style.

Berlin, Sept. 13, 2005