

Evidence for Depression is Lacking

One of the most celebrated findings in modern psychiatry—that a single gene helps one's risk of depression in response to a divorce, a lost job or another serious reversal—has not been held up to scientific scrutiny, researchers reported on Tuesday.

The original finding, published in 2003, created a sensation among scientists and the public because it offered the first specific, plausible explanation of why some people bounce back after a stressful life event while others plunge into lasting despair

The new report, by several of the most prominent researchers in the field, does not imply that interactions between Genes and life experience are trivial;

they are almost certainly fundamental, experts agree.

The Mercury News.

Robert Burns

A heated debate has broken out over whether Robert Burns suffered from bipolar disorder amid claims that the National Trust for Scotland deliberately played down a report suggesting that he was a manic depressive

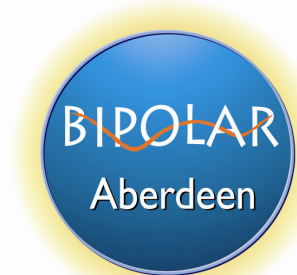
Joan Charles, an “intuitive analyst”, was recruited by the trust's public relations team to study Burns's manuscripts and letters as part of Scotland's Year of Homecoming celebrations. She concluded that the 18th-century writer experienced extremes of mood and later agreed that they might today be classified as bipolar disorder.

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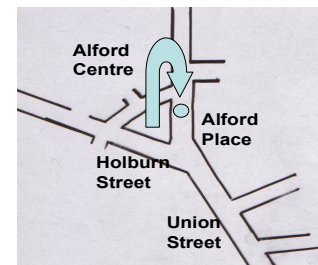
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OFFICE NEWS

Hi all hope that you are all enjoying the sunny weather that we have had, in between the many rainy days!

We have had a busy month in the office this month and our new committee have had their first board meeting.

We would like to apologize for the office being closed 22nd of June—the 29th of June, and thus the evening drop in this month having to be cancelled. This was due to staff having to take some personal time.

An update on the sponsored walk. We have raised £1,148, a big thank you to all involved. We would like to say a special thanks to Clanmount Ltd J.P. Kenny, and Focus Group (investment) Ltd. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big

Thank you to Brenda who has raised £55 by selling cards on our behalf. We have cards that Brenda has made in the office for sale for those who are interested.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Next evening drop in will be on July the 30th at 7.30 pm in the Alford centre.

Did You Know?

Nearly 40% of recipients of incapacity benefits have a mental illness.

Did You Know?

Forty-six percent of people with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder smoke, compared with thirty-three percent of the general population.

Kids and Bipolar

A diagnosis of bipolar in kids is more common than ever.

One recent report reveals the diagnosis increased 40-fold among children and teens between 1994 and 2003 in the United States.

"The fact is that it has gone up so incredibly in the last 10 years, it's hard to believe all those are true cases."

Doctor Gabrielle Carlson, who has studied this topic extensively, says one in every five children referred to her for bipolar disorder actually has it.

Susan Resko, who heads the Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation, says the increase in cases could mean there's just more awareness.

WQAD.com

Difficulties in Diagnosing Adolescent

Diagnosing adolescent bipolar children can be complex for any doctor, especially at this stage of physical and mental human development.

Bipolar symptoms in young adolescents may be similar to that of young children, and older adolescents (young adults) is closer to that of adult symptoms.

At times you may think your child is suffering from bipolar when really it may only be a phase of growing up.

If you really do think his/her moods are extreme beyond normal then seek an evaluation from a doctor.

Knowing Bipolar disorder