

# Madness: Reality or Illusion?



What is real and not real, how do we know and who decides?

A thought provoking lecture magic show, exploring mental health, magic and spirituality.

Following the performance of this 60 minute show, Jim can facilitate a 30-45 minute discussion on it's content.

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As a Special Commission by the Edinburgh Art Festival and part of Ruth Ewan's *Sympathetic Magick*, Jim Campbell wrote, produced and performed this show in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2018 at The Pleasance Courtyard and Palm House.

'*Madness: Reality or Illusion?*' is a thought provoking entertaining exploration of what is real and not real; how do we know and who decides?

Drawing on Jim's background in mental health, magic and spirituality, he invites the audience to consider these questions and more, illustrating his musings with magic tricks, stories and experiences as a mental health nurse.

The show is a cross between a lecture and magic performance that explores social construction theory, power and how we create our frames of reference.

As part of his company 'Beyond Belief Magic', Jim is now taking '*Madness: Reality or Illusion?*' on tour at conferences, events and festivals throughout 2019 - 2020.

If you want to book Jim to perform this unique show/lecture, please contact him at: [www.beyondbeliefmagic.co.uk](http://www.beyondbeliefmagic.co.uk)

Before becoming a full-time close-up professional magician, Jim Campbell worked for over 20 years in both healthcare and education. As a mental health nurse his career spanned throughout practice, research and academia and finally onto being a Mental Health Trainer & Consultant.

Jim's own lived experiences of mental health, gives him a unique insight into perceiving the world from different viewpoints. Coupled with his work as a magician and personal interests and background in spirituality, he has drawn all this together for a unique, thought provoking entertaining show.

