



NADA Member Update 12 June 2009

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Notice board

► NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project

Stage One Member Consultation process has commenced. Complete the questionnaire click [here](#)

► Aboriginal D&A Traineeship Program

The NSW Minister for Health Hon John Della Bosca has allocated almost one million dollars over three years to deliver state-wide Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Traineeships in the NGO sector. See the latest NADA [news](#) for more information about this program.

► Drug Action Week

Final registrations are now being taken for **Drug Action Week 2009** which runs from June 21-27 focussing on the theme **Alcohol is a drug – TOO!** The website www.drugactionweek.org.au has ideas for events, tips on organisation and community involvement, fact sheets and downloads which are all available free of charge.

► Drug and Alcohol Short Courses

The School of Public Health at the University of Sydney is offering a short course in Drug and Alcohol this semester. This course is ideal for D&A professionals wishing to expand their knowledge in the field, or persons with an interest in the area. Course PUBH5115 is a 7 week course, and PUBH5114 is a full 13 week course. Both courses begin 27 July 2009. For more information go to <http://www.addiction.med.usyd.edu.au/teaching/> or contact Alison at abutler@med.usyd.edu.au

► Invitation to participate: Child and Parent Sensitive Practice Survey

The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA), in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Child Protection, is conducting an online survey to examine the role of child and parent sensitive work practice in the AOD field. NCETA is interested in the views of people working in the AOD field. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and it can be accessed from the NCETA [website](#).

► Mental Health Professionals Network

The Mental Health Professionals Network (MHPN) is a private not-for-profit company created to manage funding from the Department of Health and Ageing. The funding has been allocated for the delivery of interdisciplinary mental health workshops and for a website that supports continued collaboration amongst mental health professionals. Workshops will roll out across metropolitan, regional, rural and remote Australia in 2009 and 2010.

Information about MHPN and the workshops at <http://www.mhpn.org.au/Home/tabid/38/Default.aspx>

Calendar

► NCOSS Budget Briefing for the community sector

17 June 2009

NCOSS will hold a Budget briefing for the community sector at the NSW Teachers Federation, Level 4, 23 Mary St Surry Hills, on the day after the NSW Budget is delivered. Contact Wendy Hall, NCOSS on 9211 2599 ext 118 or email wendy@ncoss.org.au.

► Free NUAA workshop- Introduction to Drug User Organisations

17 June 2009, 2-5pm

NUAA will be piloting a free workshop entitled 'Introduction to Drug User Organisations' which addresses the role of drug user organisations in Australia. This [link](#) goes to the News Section of the NUAA website, where the flyer for this event is located.

► Free PsyCheck Training Course – Nowra

17 & 18 June, 9.30 – 4.30 pm

Oolong House, 11 Junction Street, Nowra NSW

Facilitated by Yana Bhageerutty, Clinical Director, Oolong House

Enquiries can be directed to Kieran Connolly on (03) 8413 8704 or kieranc@turningpoint.org.au if required.

► Namatjira Haven celebrates 30 years of service in the drug and alcohol sector

4 June 2009, 10am to 4:30pm

Namatjira Haven, a NADA member agency, is an Indigenous drug and alcohol service in Alstonville, northern NSW and celebrates 30 years of providing D&A treatment to the Indigenous population. As part of Drug Action Week there will be a special celebration at Namatjira Haven, 10 Whites Lane, Alstonville from 10am to 4.30pm. For more details go to the Drug Action Week [website](#).

► A Night on the Grog Forum

24 June 2009, 6:15-7:45pm

The Surry Hills Community Drug Action Team are holding a FREE evening forum on alcohol related issues at the Quakers Hall, 199 Devonshire St Surry Hills. RSVP ph. 9356 4977. Places are limited.

► ACON GLBT Community Forum

24 June, 6-8pm, Surry Hills

ACON is holding a community forum in Sydney entitled Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Views on Drug and Alcohol Use and Treatment. ACON is interested in looking at the factors that influence GLBT peoples' decisions about getting treatment. You are invited to participate in the discussion, as well as bring along information about your service that may be of interest to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Display tables will be provided. Light refreshments will be provided. Bookings essential for catering purposes. Contact Brian Francis on 9206 2097 by 22nd June.

► Keeping Children & Young People Safe: The Complexities of Working with Substance Using Parents

22-24 September, NADA office, Redfern

This free 3 day workshop will be held at NADA on 22nd – 24th September 2009. To register please contact Tung Pham at the Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) on 9840 3987 or tung.pham@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au. Enrollment closing date is 11 July 2009.

Advocacy and Policy

The latest updates are available from our web site [here](#).

Media

► NADA Advocate

The latest edition of the NADA Advocate is available now from the NADA [website](#)

Project Updates

► NADA Family and Carer Grants Program

There is only one week left before application close for the Family and Carer Grants Program. [Click here](#) for more information.

► NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project

The NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project: Stage One Member Consultation process has commenced. Complete the questionnaire click [here](#).

This questionnaire aims to gather information on current client information collection and use and how the sector could be assisted to improve their client information management systems. The questionnaire can be completed as an online form (link above) and emailed back to jo@nada.org.au or printed out, completed manually and faxed or mailed back to NADA. **Please forward your completed questionnaire by 30 June 2009.** The NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project Plan summary is also available [here](#).

► NADA Project update

Visit the NADA [website](#) for details of the latest project updates

Resources

► NADA Training Directory July – Dec 2009

The Training Directory for July – Dec 09 is now available on the [NADA website](#) under Latest News along with a new and improved application form. The closing date for applications is 5pm Thursday, 9 July 2009.

You should receive your hardcopy of the directory in the mail over the next few days. Please email traininggrants@nada.org.au if you have any questions or require more copies.

► **A Review of Screening, Assessment and Outcome Measures for Drug and Alcohol Settings** was commissioned by NADA to inform the selection of measures for the NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project. It is available for download [here](#).

► New AOD Withdrawal Practice Guidelines

Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre has released new withdrawal practice guidelines at www.turningpoint.org.au

► Enhancing not-for-profit annual and financial reporting: Best practice reporting

By the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia) available from this [link](#)

Positions Vacant

► Weigelli – 3 positions

Weigelli has three vacancies for AOD workers at their service. Closing Date for all positions: 26 June 2009. For Further Information, an Application Package and support submitting your Application contact Daniel Jeffries or Duncan McEvoy 02 6345 1803.

View all vacant positions in the sector on our website www.nada.org.au
