



## NADA Member Update 16 February 2009

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### Notice board

#### NADA Workforce Development Training Grants 2009

The WDP Training Directory for January to June 2009 has been released and posted out to all member agencies. The directory outlines a range of training opportunities for current member agencies. In this funding round, member agencies in rural and remote areas will be given priority when applying for grants. Applications close at 5pm 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Due to the lateness receiving the directory this year, NADA will be unable to accept any late applications. Managers will be notified of application outcomes by the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009. For more information and to download a pdf version of the directory (and an application form) click [here](#) to visit the grants/tenders section of our website.

#### NADA & MHCC Conference Outside In: Community Responses to Complex and Diverse Needs

6-8 May 2009 at Dockside, Darling Harbour, Sydney

Thank you to everyone from the NADA membership who submitted abstracts for our upcoming conference. We will be informing all applicants on the outcome of their abstract submissions over the next 2 weeks. A registration flyer for the conference will be available shortly and will be sent out to all members as well as being available to download from our website.

#### Expressions of interest are now being received for the 2009 CCWT Emerging Leaders Program:

If you are interested in participating, or are considering recommending your staff for the program, click [here](#) for more information. The program consists of workshops that build participant awareness of the leadership dimension of management. Participants will receive three individual coaching sessions during the program to support a work-based project of their choice.

**Prison Forum :** Heplink presents Prison Forum on 23 March 2009 at the Kerry Packer Education centre, RPA Hospital, Missenden Road, Camperdown. Prison forum is a Panel and workshop looking at issues around Prisoner's Health Education, Post-Release support and Hep C Treatment. For more information contact Leon Fernandes ph: (02) 9332 1853 or email: [lfernandes@hepatitisc.org.au](mailto:lfernandes@hepatitisc.org.au)

**Understanding Mood Disorders Workshop :** This workshop describes Mood Disorders and the impact they have on a person's day to day life. The workshop outlines risk factors, warning signs and advises people of referral paths and provides participants with practical strategies to assist people struggling with mood disorders. 2 April 2009 Sydney VIBE Hotel, North Sydney for registration details go to [www.ppleucation.com.au](http://www.ppleucation.com.au) or phone (02) 6628 2901.

**Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) workshop :** This workshop lead by Peter King CEO of the Unity Foundation provides a general overview and history of BPD and the effectiveness of DBT as a cognitive therapy. DBT was developed as a systematic cognitive-behavioural therapy for border personality disorder. Balancing acceptance and change strategies, DBT calls on the patient and the Therapist to accept reality while maintaining a strong and conscious commitment to change. 7 April 2009 Sydney VIBE Hotel, North Sydney for registration details go to [www.ppleucation.com.au](http://www.ppleucation.com.au) or phone (02) 6628 2901.

**Consultation on Drug and Alcohol Issues Canberra:** Dr John Herron, Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) extends an invitation to people working within the alcohol and other drugs sector to attend: Consultation on Drug and Alcohol Issues Canberra  
Friday 27th February 2009, 9:00 - 11.00am (Arrival tea and coffee from 8.30am, morning tea provided at 10.40am) at the Marque Hotel, 102 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon.

The ANCD is seeking views from non-government, community based, government, education, health and law enforcement staff. Formal presentations will be made by representatives of the ANCD, the ACT State Government and the Territory and National NGO AOD sectors.

This is your chance to have your voice heard on issues that are important to you, your organisation and your community. The forum aims to be a collage of opinions, ideas and resolutions across a range of areas. The conclusions from the forum will be reported in the ANCD communique which is sent to a number of key decision makers and stakeholders and placed on the ANCD website.

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) is the principal advisory body to Government on drug policy and plays a critical role in ensuring the voice of the community is heard in relation to drug related policies and strategies.

RSVP by Monday 23rd February 2009

Tel: (02) 6166 9600

Fax: (02) 6162 2611

Email: [ancd@ancd.org.au](mailto:ancd@ancd.org.au)

**National Drug and Alcohol Awards, NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!** Now in its sixth year, the National Drug and Alcohol Awards (NDAA) honour the dedication and innovation within the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) sector. The Awards recognise excellence in the areas of treatment; prevention and community education; research; services for young people; law enforcement; media reporting; school drug education; and culminates with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence.

To find out more about the Awards, log onto [www.drugawards.org.au](http://www.drugawards.org.au). Enquiries can be made on the web-based form and nominations are now open. Award finalists and winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner to be held at the culmination of Drug Action Week, Friday 26 June 2009, in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra.

Reserve your ticket/s for this important event by logging onto the awards website or contacting the Awards Coordinator on 0415 568 360. Bookings can be made from 2 February 2009.

SBS Foundation: donating TV advertising to charities & community organisations

SBS is setting up The SBS Foundation to support Australian charities and community organisations by donating advertising on television to promote their activities. The SBS Foundation is seeking partners from the following categories: Creative/Arts, Multicultural, Indigenous, Environmental, Health, Regional, Sport.

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 27 February 2009. For more information click on the following link [www.sbs.com.au/future/web/upload\\_media/site\\_32\\_rand\\_1817458830\\_Foundation\\_Guidelines.doc](http://www.sbs.com.au/future/web/upload_media/site_32_rand_1817458830_Foundation_Guidelines.doc)

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## **Calendar**

**CANNABIS: Everything you need to know:** This workshop will be facilitated by the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre(NCPIP) **Time:** 10.00am for 10.30am start **Date:** 31/3/2009 **Venue:**

Macarthur Business Enterprise Centre 70 Topham Rd, Smeaton Grange. Contact Youth Solutions to register on 4628 2319 or email [info@youthsolutions.com.au](mailto:info@youthsolutions.com.au) Please Note: **Places for this workshop are now FULL.**

#### **Youth Substance Abuse and Public Space Forum**

This **FREE SEMINAR** is a collaborative initiative between Drug and Alcohol Coordination (DAC) of the NSW Police Force and the Sydney University Institute of Criminology. The Seminar brings together an array of expert speakers to review contemporary issues associated with the policing of young people, substance misuse and public space. **Date:** 10 February 2009 **Time:** 12pm-5.30pm.

**Venue:** Sydney University EDULT351, Education Building, Manning Road, Camperdown

To register, please contact Emma Farag on Email: [fara1eym@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fara1eym@police.nsw.gov.au) or 02 8835 8652

#### **Free workshop on Co-morbidity and Student Supervision (Sydney & Parramatta)**

The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) co-morbidity project is conducting training related to social work student supervision & working in the area of co-morbidity (mental health & alcohol / drug concerns). The training is primarily geared towards social work student supervisors of students undertaking placements in AOD (Alcohol and Other Drugs Services), task supervisors and other AOD staff.

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 **Venue:** Room 436, Old Teacher's College, Manning Road, University of Sydney and

**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 **Venue:** Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF) training room, Suite 4002, Level 4, 146 Marsden Street, Parramatta 2124.

**Time:** 9.00 for 9.30 am start – 4.30 pm

**Cost:** Free of charge (including morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea)

For further information or to register your attendance, please contact:

Kerril Williams (03) 9326 2388 [MHAdmin@aasw.asn.au](mailto:MHAdmin@aasw.asn.au)

**PsyCheck Train the Trainer Workshop – 10 & 11 February 2009:** The PsyCheck Screening Tool is a mental health screening instrument designed for use by clinicians who are not mental health specialists. It is designed to detect potential mental health problems that may be missed if not specifically investigated by the clinician or raised by the client. Turning Point will be providing eight 2-day train the trainer courses. The two-day courses will provide participants with an orientation to the PsyCheck resources. These courses are aimed at senior alcohol and drug, mental health and dual diagnosis clinicians and trainers. NADA will be hosting the NSW workshop on 10 & 11 February 2009 (9:30 am – 4:30 pm each day). If you would like an application form, please email Jo Khoo, [jo@nada.org.au](mailto:jo@nada.org.au). Further enquiries can be directed to Kieran Connolly on (03) 8413 8704 or [kieranc@turningpoint.org.au](mailto:kieranc@turningpoint.org.au). Full information on the content of the Psycheck resource is available at [www.psycheck.org.au](http://www.psycheck.org.au).

#### **NSW Institute of Psychiatry workshop – 19 February 2009:** Psychopharmacology for Mental Health

Professionals with Professor Iain McGregor. This workshop will assist non-medical mental health providers to better understand the current range of medications being used in Australia today for the treatment of anxiety disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, ADHD and substance abuse. Workshop participants will learn about the various classes of psychiatric medications, their influence on brain function, their effectiveness, and their impact on a person's wellbeing. The effects of drugs of abuse (e.g. cannabis, ecstasy, methamphetamine, alcohol and nicotine) and their role in predisposing to mental illness will also be considered. If you need further information, please contact Natasa Petrovic on 02 9840 3833, or email:

[natasa.petrovic@nswiop.nsw.edu.au](mailto:natasa.petrovic@nswiop.nsw.edu.au)

**The ACOSS National Conference 2009: Building a fair Australia in tough economic times:** will be held on Thursday 2 to Friday 3 April 2009 at the Australian Technology Park Bay 8, Locomotive Workshop, Everleigh, Sydney. The Conference program and details on how to register will be available soon. For details on exhibition booth hire and satchel inserts please contact Al email [a.parmeter@acoss.org.au](mailto:a.parmeter@acoss.org.au)

#### **ATCA 2009 Annual Conference & Workshops**

**TCs: Getting Better All the Time – Partnerships, practice & Collaboration**

14 - 19 September 2009 The Rydges Hotel, Capital Hill, Canberra

Call for Abstracts is currently open. For more information go to <http://www.atca.com.au/home.htm>

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## Advocacy and Policy

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

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## Media

**NADA Advocate:** The latest NADA Advocate (and first edition for 2009) is now available from the NADA web site [here](#).

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## Project Updates

**NGO Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health Information Management Project:** A Background Paper has been finalised that outlines the rationale for this project and how the project will be implemented. Visit the NADA website under 'Special Projects' for more information or contact [jo@nada.org.au](mailto:jo@nada.org.au)

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## Resources

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### Positions Vacant

#### Quality Improvement Professional

The Haymarket Foundation operates medical and welfare services for homeless and disadvantaged people in the inner city of Sydney. We are currently undertaking Quality Improvement through the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards. We are seeking an experienced quality & safety person who can coordinate the project and assist the services towards accreditation. This part time position is for a period ending on June 30th, 2009. The position is part time (22.8 hours over three days per week, less hours may be negotiated), is based in Darlinghurst, and reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience with the ACHS accreditation process.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in nursing, welfare or related disciplines.
- Available to commence as soon as possible.

Applications addressing the essential criteria and including current CV to be emailed to [ceo@haymarket.org.au](mailto:ceo@haymarket.org.au). For further information regarding the position, phone **Kay Elson on 02 9380 9166**.

Applications close **9th February, 2009**.