

NADA Conference 2018

Exploring therapeutic interventions

7–8 June 2018

Sheraton on the Park, Sydney



Call for abstracts

NADA invites abstract submissions for oral papers, workshops, panel presentations and poster presentations for the NADA Conference 2018: Exploring therapeutic interventions.

This is an opportunity for you to showcase your innovative practice and research addressing the diverse and complex needs of people accessing AOD services. Interactive sessions are encouraged to maximise opportunities for conference participants to exchange practice and experience.

Conference topics

- Best practice therapeutic approaches
- Brief interventions and awareness raising/psychoeducation
- Complimentary focus areas to the therapeutic intervention (eg. physical activity, diet, vocation/education)
- Community approaches
- Co-occurring AOD and chronic disease
- Co-occurring AOD and mental health
- Criminal justice contact
- Domestic violence
- Empowering consumers
- Engaging culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Groupwork or interventions for groups
- Health of the workforce
- Partnerships for treatment interventions
- Physical health needs of people accessing service
- Prevention and early intervention approaches
- Telephone, online/virtual approaches
- Women
- Working with Aboriginal clients
- Working with children and families
- Working systemically with treatment issues
- Use of apps or social media technologies
- Youth focused interventions

Target audience of the conference

- Frontline staff and managers in the AOD sector
- Sectors working with clients with AOD issues
- Researchers with an interest in community responses to AOD
- Policy makers and funders
- Clients, consumers and carers

Key dates

- Abstracts must be submitted by **Friday 9 March 2018 at 5pm AEDT** (Australian Eastern Daylight Time). No extensions to the deadline will be granted.
- Proposal notifications: **28 March 2018**.

Abstract enquiries and submissions

All enquires and abstract submissions should be sent to conference@nada.org.au.

Submission guidelines

How to submit your abstract

Email your submission to conference@nada.org.au by **Friday 9 March 2018 at 5pm AEDT**.

Abstract format and guidelines

- Abstracts should avoid stigmatising and outdated language. Person-centred language is preferred. For example, use 'people who use drugs' instead of 'drug users', 'people experiencing dependence' or 'dependent on...' instead of 'addicts', 'substance use' or 'non-prescribed use' instead of 'substance abuse'.
- Abstracts body text should be a maximum of 200 words, using Arial, 11 point font size, and justified.
- Abstracts must show the title of the paper, paper type, a/v requirements, name of the presenter/s, contact details, and their affiliations.
- Abstracts should clearly demonstrate positive outcomes (for people, organisations, workforce), or lessons learnt from outcomes that weren't successful.
- Abstracts showcasing research should clearly demonstrate how it can be applied to practice.
- A brief biography (100 words) for each presenter must also be submitted with the abstract.

An example is outlined below:

Abstract title

Person One¹, Person Two²

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² University of New South Wales, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Presenter's email address: some.body@nada.org.au

Abstract body text (maximum 200 words)

Presentation type: oral, poster, workshop

Audio visual requirements: video presentations, etc

Submission options

Paper presentations provide authors the opportunity to present original work related to conference topics. Oral paper presentations will have 30-minute time slots and be clustered by theme into sessions.

Workshops provide authors the opportunity to present their work in highly interactive manner and maximises audience participation. Workshops will have 30–40 minute time slots, with at least 25% of the total allotted time devoted to questions and answers, or to group interaction.

Lightning round presentations provide authors the opportunity to share their work in brief oral presentations. Each presentation is limited to 10 minutes, followed by a five-minute question-and-answer period.

Panel presentations provide authors the option to organize a panel comprising three related presentations. Panel presentation sessions will be 60 minutes long, with 40 minutes for the presentation and 20 minutes for discussion.

Poster sessions provides an interactive forum for authors to discuss their work. All individual submissions will be considered for poster presentation if not accepted for their original submission type.

Abstract submission process

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Organising Committee based on relevance to themes, innovation and originality, practical application, and clear articulation of outcomes. Applications will be notified of their success in March 2018. Guidelines for the preparation of oral and poster presentations will be provided upon acceptance. The selection committee reserves the right to propose alternative presentation formats as the scope of the final programs requires.