

Connecting People with AOD Support through Neighbourhood Houses

Project Update

A partnership to increase the knowledge, skills and confidence of staff and volunteers in Neighbourhood Houses to support people with alcohol and drug issues, and to build awareness in AOD services of Neighbourhood Houses, and the community based opportunities and programs they provide.



Rethinking Prevention:
— a broader agenda —
ATDC 2016 Conference
12 - 13 May, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart

Who wants to be a participant in a conference panel?

ATDC are seeking Neighbourhood House representatives to be part of a panel discussion about working with cultural and community diversity? You'll be supported in your involvement, and have the opportunity to be part of creating the session. The ATDC conference is a more formal conference than NHT, but is very much a community sector conference. So this is a great opportunity to have a go at being part of another conference. As a panel member you will be given the opportunity to participate in the decisions around how the session will run, whether you will need to do a short presentation or not. More information about the Conference is available on the conference website here: <http://www.atdc.org.au/atdc-2016-conference/> If you're interested in this opportunity, please call Jonathan at the NHT office on 6228 6515.

Who is (in) the DEN?

Drug Education Network (DEN) provides training and education for all age groups on current issues and trends in relation to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. DEN delivers flexible, interactive and engaging programs that meet the needs of organisations and groups or deliver clear messages on alcohol and drug issues in Tasmania. DEN works closely with other agencies like Department of Health and Human Services, Education, Employment, Police and Justice, Workcover, Australian Lions Drug Foundation and the Community Sector. The DEN have many useful resources. Check out their website <http://www.den.org.au> and also their Pinterest pages: www.pinterest.com/drugedtas and another that is focused on the drug ICE <https://www.pinterest.com/drugedtas/ice/>



Drug Education Network

Survey results are in

Thanks to everyone who has completed the survey, either online or on paper. While the results shown below are only a general summary, we are able to separate the responses and to see the specific assistance Houses want. We'll provide information on what the Bus Tours are about in the New Year. Essentially they are a fun way to bring people from the different AOD services and Houses together in each region to see what some of those services do, and put names to faces as we spend the day visiting the key organisations in the area.

Question	response	
Drugs types, effects, signs of intoxication and overdose	32% strong interest 9% neutral	53% some interest 6% no interest
Dealing with intoxicated persons, diffusing emotive and or challenging behaviour	62 % strong interest 9% neutral	23% some interest 6% no interest
The principles of drug education and brief interventions	36 % strong interest 13% neutral	47% some interest 4% no interest
Prevention in community, community initiatives and strategies for harm minimisation	66 % strong interest 9% neutral	25% some interest 0% no interest
Legal issues about drugs, working with criminal justice and child protection	37% Strong interest 11% neutral	50% some interest 2% no interest
Developing referral pathways to AOD services, understanding treatment and the role of community in pre and post care.	50% have a strong 7% neutral	39% some interest 4% no interest
Smoking cessation support and brief intervention program to run in house	24 % strong interest 15% neutral	48% some interest 13% no interest
How to run support groups for families and or individuals affected by AOD issues	32% strong interest 26% neutral	37% some interest 4% no interest
Specific skills development in other AOD related topic areas e.g. domestic violence, cultural diversity	46 % strong interest 9% neutral	41% some interest 4% no interest
Does your Neighbourhood House require resources, e.g. drug pamphlets, educational and interactive resources including beer goggles, rough guide or Quit smoking packs	73% yes 27% no	
Would you be interested in booking a seat aboard one of the regional 2016 Bus tours?	27% yes 38% would like further information	34% no

What's next?

Well as you would expect, we're all looking forward to a break over Christmas and New Year. In January though we'll be back into it all again. We'll be connecting early in the New Year with the Houses that we have not yet visited, and refining plans for meeting the needs identified in the survey. Working with you to connect you with some of the services in your region by aligning the ATDC regional meetings with the NHT Regionals and hosting a lunch with you. **Thanks for your interest and support of the project so far. All the best for a happy and healthy holiday season.**

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