

## Alcohol and Other Drugs Youth Capacity Building

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This Newsletter is part of the regional AOD Youth Capacity Building Role funded by Department of Health, Mental Health, Drugs and Regions. If you have any comment, events, information that you would like included in future newsletters or feedback please don't hesitate in contacting me at [shickford@barwon youth.org.au](mailto:shickford@barwon youth.org.au)

### Notice board

#### Youth Workers Association Membership

The Youth Workers Association has now updated its membership form to include alternative pathways to membership. It would be great if all staff could look it over and then apply for membership according to the most appropriate pathway. This is a great opportunity to be a part of an association that will be;

- Advocating for professional recognition of the unique practice, knowledge and skills of Youth Workers
- Increasing professional and ethical standards
- Ensuring quality youth work training is available
- Strengthening and advocating with unions for improved industrial relations outcomes
- Encouraging and promoting the ongoing professional development of Youth Workers
- Improving outcomes for young people

For more information go to <http://ywa.net.au/wordpress/> or to apply for membership go to [http://ywa.net.au/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/YWA\\_membership\\_form\\_updated.pdf](http://ywa.net.au/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/YWA_membership_form_updated.pdf)

#### CALL FOR PAPERS - Issue of Developing Practice on YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSITIONING FROM OUT-OF-HOME CARE

There is currently unprecedented policy interest in the transition of young people from out-of-home care. Recent Australian government reports on both homelessness and child protection have identified care leavers as a key target group for policy and practice interventions. For example, the Road Home report noted that young people leaving state care and those leaving custodial settings were particularly vulnerable to homelessness. Similarly, the national child protection framework identified a link between leaving care and ongoing disadvantage in areas such as unemployment, homelessness, mental health issues and substance abuse. The national out-of-home care standards released in December 2010 also identify care leavers as a key group requiring additional assistance.

This special issue of Developing Practice provides an opportunity for academics, researchers, policy makers, managers and practitioners in both government and NGOs, and young people transitioning from care within and beyond Australia to reflect on current issues and initiatives in leaving care policy, practice and theory.

We welcome both scholarly articles (3500 words maximum) which will be subjected to peer review, and shorter practice reports and commentaries (approximately 1000-1500 words).

The final deadline for submissions is Friday 16 December 2011. For queries about the content of this special issue, please contact the guest editor Associate Professor Philip Mendes of Monash University: [Philip.Mendes@monash.edu](mailto:Philip.Mendes@monash.edu) or 03-9903 1132.

For queries about the process of submissions, please contact the convenor of Developing Practice Dr Marc Rerceretnam: [marc@acwa.asn.au](mailto:marc@acwa.asn.au) or 02-92818822.

#### Pharmacotherapy Review

The Pharmacotherapy Review was conducted in 2010 and involved comprehensive consultation with stakeholders across the pharmacotherapy and addiction medicine sectors. The review identified a number of key overarching issues in the pharmacotherapy treatment system including:

- The need to strengthen the specialist component of the treatment system
- Further development of partnerships between specialist and community-based providers
- The importance of further building workforce capacity Options for responding to treatment needs in the context of escalating demand

As a result, the Victorian Government has committed an additional \$11 million over the next four years to improve support and access for the Opioid Replacement Therapy (ORT) system. The new funding will:

- boost Addiction Medicine Specialist capacity create annual scholarships for addiction medicine create a support network and training for GPs provide training and networking for pharmacists and their staff
- review and redevelopment of Specialist Pharmacotherapy Services
- implement hub and spoke models for regional areas to increase access

#### Social Traders – Social Enterprise Business Breakfast

On 30 August 2011 Social Traders is holding a business breakfast entitled Business Innovation: Step by Step – the first in a series of business breakfasts that will bring together socially responsible organisations with leading speakers to network, learn and be inspired.

The event is targeted towards organisations which fit within the broad scope of 'social enterprise' and include community child care centres, group training companies, enterprising neighbourhood houses and other NFP service providers. Attendance is \$40 per head. The event will be held at the RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne from 7.15am. To find out more and to register your attendance, contact Nicci Hutchinson on 03 8319 8444 or [nicci.hutchinson@socialtraders.com.au](mailto:nicci.hutchinson@socialtraders.com.au)

#### Whole of Government Victorian Alcohol and Drug Strategy

Victorian Government Drug and Alcohol Strategy – Community Consultation now open.

The Government is developing a whole of government Victorian Alcohol and Drug Strategy to address these concerns and its objectives are to:

- Decrease the current rates of alcohol and other drug abuse in Victoria.
- Reduce the amount of harm that alcohol and other drug abuse causes in the community.
- Increase access to treatment options so that people with an alcohol or drug problem can get help when they need it.

An independent advisory group has been established to provide the Government with expert advice on alcohol and drugs issues and to inform the development of the strategy. The membership of this group reflects diverse interests including those from health, education, justice, business, local government and community groups. The EAG will act as the foremost expert stakeholder voice to the Government on the Strategy. [EAG members list](#) and [The EAG terms of reference](#).

The Victorian Government is encouraging Victorians to provide comment and ideas on how the harms associated with alcohol and drugs can be reduced - this will help shape the Strategy, including reflections on the current treatment system, role of government and ideas for reforms in specific areas. In addition the EAG will be holding a series of meetings and consultation forums will be held over the second half of 2011. A public submissions process has commenced. All submissions will need to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 21 September 2011. All concerned parties, including the general

community, consumers, carers health care providers, specialist AOD services and business are invited to submit written feedback on the consultation paper. [Whole of government Victorian alcohol and drug strategy - Community Consultation](#)

Should you wish to be informed of updates to this website, please email [aodstrategy@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:aodstrategy@health.vic.gov.au) to join our mailing list. Alternatively, you can email the Strategy team directly at [aodstrategy@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:aodstrategy@health.vic.gov.au).

### Revised treatment types - AOD Sector Reform DoH Presentation

A presentation given by the Department of Health at the VAADA Sector Reform Forum (19 August 2011) which gives initial thinking within the department on revised treatment types for the Victorian AOD system as part of Treatment Reform. The slides can be downloaded at: <http://www.vaada.org.au/sector-reform.shtml>

### Creative Innovation Conference 2011 – Ten Complimentary Places for Regional Not-For-Profits

The Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victorian Government, is offering 10 free places for regionally based not-for-profit organisations to attend Creative Innovation 2011 – a conference where participants will have the opportunity to learn, think, connect and share ideas with over 35 of the world's most influential thinkers. The conference will be held from 16-18 November in Melbourne. Each conference package is valued at \$3,100, and includes a complimentary pass to the conference, gala dinner and master classes. The theme of this year's conference is "The challenges and opportunities of a super-connected world".

Speakers include: one of USA's leading entrepreneurs Raymond Kurzweil, acclaimed philosopher and cognitive scientist Daniel Dennett (USA), world authority on creative thinking Edward De Bono (UK), technology entrepreneur Tan Le (USA), Stanford and IDEO design thinking expert Brendan Boyle (USA), "The Innovation Architect" Paddy Miller (USA), education guru Stephen Heppell (UK), Australian of the Year Simon McKeon, and many more! For more information on the conference, see: [www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/ci2011/](http://www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/ci2011/) Expressions of interest now being sought for ten free places

Ten free places are up for grabs for regionally based NFP organisations. To express your interest to attend this conference, please respond to [communitysector@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitysector@dpcd.vic.gov.au) by Friday 26 August 2011. Applications will be assessed by a panel based on their responses to the following:

- A brief description of the work your organisation does
- How the conference will benefit your organisation
- Your capacity to attend without this opportunity
- Your organisation must be regionally based.

### SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE DELIVERY GRANTS FUND GUIDELINES - RELEASE OF DISCUSSION PAPER FOR COMMENT

The Australian Government has established a Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund (the Fund). The Fund consolidates activities from a number of existing programs, and provides a flexible funding pool for services that treat substance misuse, effective from 1 July 2011, with administrative arrangements for future grants to be developed during 2011-12. To provide the basis for consultation with the broad range of stakeholders with an interest in the Fund, the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) has developed a Discussion Paper on the Fund.

The purpose of the consultation is twofold:

- to communicate with stakeholders about the benefits of program consolidation, the Fund objectives and priorities, and the process for access to the Fund; and
- to provide the opportunity for stakeholder input, prior to the public release of the Fund Guidelines later this year.

In particular, the Department is interested in receiving feedback about the clarity of the Fund's objectives and priorities.

As a key stakeholder, I invite you to review the Discussion Paper and provide feedback directly to the Department. In addition to the copy attached to this notification, the Discussion Paper and further information about the Fund arrangements are available on the Department's website:

[www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/budget2011-flexfund-subsmisuse-serv06.htm](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/budget2011-flexfund-subsmisuse-serv06.htm) Feedback is being sought over a two week period, commencing 25 August 2011 and closing 8 September 2011. Please direct your comments on the Discussion Paper and / or any questions you may have in relation to the Fund to the dedicated mailbox, [SMSDGF@health.gov.au](mailto:SMSDGF@health.gov.au) by 8 September 2011.

### Resources

#### 2010 National Drug Strategy Household Survey report

This 2010 National Drug Strategy Household Survey report shows: positive and significant reductions since 2007 in daily tobacco smoking; mixed findings on alcohol consumption and risk; and a small overall rise in illicit drug use. In terms of attitudes to drugs, excessive alcohol use and tobacco smoking were nominated as the two most serious concerns to the community - and there were higher levels of support than previously for tobacco and alcohol harm reduction policies. The report can be downloaded at: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=32212254712>

#### New resources now available on Victoria's Volunteering Portal

New, free resources are now available to download from Victoria's Volunteering Portal to help with the challenges of promoting and managing a volunteer-based organisation, running volunteer programs and recruiting volunteers. These new resources, developed for use by any not-for-profit volunteer based community organisation, include:

- additions to the Best Practice Toolkit on the topics of boards and governance, communications and technology ·
- a suite of marketing and communications templates ·
- new case studies that showcase the ideas,
- work and programs of volunteer organisations

To access the resources, visit:

[www.volunteer.vic.gov.au/resources-for-volunteer-organisations](http://www.volunteer.vic.gov.au/resources-for-volunteer-organisations)

#### Cheers to health warning labels for alcoholic drinks Report

Warning labels are noticeably absent from alcoholic beverages in Australia, writes Robin Room in The Conversation. To read the full report: <http://www.apo.org.au/commentary/cheers-health-warning-labels-alcoholic-drinks>

#### The role of technology in engaging disengaged youth

This research analysis the ways through which young and disadvantaged Vocational and Education and Training students can be engaged through new information and communications technologies. To read the full report see the weblink: [www.flexiblelearning.net.au/files/Final%20Report%20Diseng%20Youth\\_vFINAL.pdf](http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/files/Final%20Report%20Diseng%20Youth_vFINAL.pdf)

#### Resource for Parents - Online safety Resource Sheet

The purpose of this Resource Sheet is to provide information on resources available for parents regarding online safety for their children. Go to [www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/sheets/rs25/rs25.pdf](http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/sheets/rs25/rs25.pdf)

#### New Website for Department of Human Services - A new experience for visitors to the DHS website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new Department of Human Services website at [www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au). You will see:

- information, services and resources organised for individuals, service providers, business and industry, and

additional information for the public interested in our public sector role

- content labelled in an informative and unambiguous way
- a simple visual style applied consistently across all our internet sites
- fewer internet sites as we have consolidated many of our sites into a single, user-centred online experience.

Please Note:

- We have retained the web addresses of many of the popular sections of our site however you may need to update any links you have to our documents and pages
- The Funded Agency Channel, CRISP Support and eBusiness portal have been retained and separate sites and have not changed with this launch however the links to these sites are in a new place on the new Department of Human Services site.

For more information about the Department of Human Services website launch contact the project team via Ladan Wise on 90966972 or email [ladan.wise@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:ladan.wise@dhs.vic.gov.au).

### A profile of homelessness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Report

This report presents information on both Indigenous and other Australians, with the aim of providing a broad profile of Indigenous Australians experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. To read the full report see the weblink:

[www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737418968&tab=2](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737418968&tab=2)

### Funding/Scholarships

#### National Binge Drinking Strategy Community Level Initiative Third Round.

Grants for Community Projects to Prevent and Reduce Binge Drinking by Young People Aged 12-24 Years

As part of the Australian Government's Community Level Initiative of the National Binge Drinking Strategy, the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA) is offering \$10 million over two years for a third round of grants.

ANPHA is seeking applications from incorporated community groups or local government organisations for project proposals that aim to prevent and reduce binge drinking by young people aged 12-24 years. Partnership and collaborative projects are strongly encouraged.

Grants of up to \$300,000 are available for individual projects. Grants of up to \$500,000 are available for partnerships and collaborations.

Organisations interested in applying must address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the application form. The application form and Grant Guidelines can be obtained at ANPHA's Tenders and Grants page at [www.anpha.gov.au](http://www.anpha.gov.au) or via GrantsLINK directory at [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au).

#### Celebrate your Mission and win a Grant!

The CTK Foundation, in partnership with Connecting Up Australia is offering grants worth over \$15,000 USD to NFP community organisations in Australia and New Zealand. The grants are open to all NFP community organisations and the entry process is easy. To enter simply collaborate with staff, volunteers and constituents to create a poem which reflects the mission of your organisation.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 USD cash grant and their poem will be professionally produced as a song for fundraising and public awareness campaigns. Apply your creativity now to win! Entries close on Monday 15 August 2011. To find out more and to enter, visit: <http://www.communitytech.net/foundation/australia>

#### I.N.G. Foundation – Financial Grants Program, up to \$25,000

Three grants of up to \$25,000.00 will be awarded annually. Open to organisations that deal with... an acute need in the community with a strong emphasis on supporting children in need. Covers welfare, disabled or disadvantaged. The next round is now open. Your organisation must be registered with the A.T.O as an approved charity. Selection Criteria Applications must meet all of the below selection criteria to be considered for an ING Foundation grant:

- Must be registered with the Australian Taxation Office as an approved charity (Deductible Gift Recipient covered by item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997)
- Must be innovative in the way it delivers programs/services to young people in need;
- Must address at least one of the below focus areas\*:
  - Youth Disadvantage
  - Education
  - Youth Health and Mental Health
- Particular attention will be paid to those programs that address the needs of Australia's indigenous communities in these focus areas
- Must help young people to 'realise their potential'

Nb. We understand that it can be difficult to secure funding for under-represented issues or smaller grassroots organisations, so don't be shy to apply if you feel you have a unique program or idea, even if it has never been funded before!

Go to <http://www.ingfoundation.com.au>

#### The Coca-Cola Australia Foundation - Community Grants

CCAF is an independent charitable trust funded by the Coca-Cola System in Australia and devoted to improving the lives of marginalised youth. It distributes \$1 million annually to fund three to four major national projects and a number of smaller local community programs.

What are the criteria for applying for a Community Grant?

- Your organisation must have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the Australian Taxation Office.
- The program must target marginalised young Australians. Within this broad area, your application will be assessed on how it addresses the core areas of education, leadership, wellbeing and environment.
- The program must be able to demonstrate a difference or improvement for the specific youth issue it addresses.
- The program should be innovative. The Foundation looks to support programs that address a problem in a new way or address an issue that is not currently being satisfactorily addressed.

To apply forward a [Community Grant Application Form](#), Project Summary and proof of DGR status to: Coca-Cola Australia Foundation, 40 Mount Street, North Sydney NSW 2060. Applications close 1 October. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 November.

#### National Workforce Development Fund

The Australian Government has announced a new National Workforce Development Fund (the Fund) that will provide \$558 million in funding over four years to support training and workforce development in the areas of current and future skills need. The construction and aged care sectors have been identified as priorities for 2011-12. Industry Skills Councils are acting as brokers to manage the Fund on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

The funding is available to enterprises, professional associations, industry bodies and employment service providers to meet identified current and future business and workforce development needs.

Government funding will be supplemented by an employer contribution which varies for small, medium and large enterprises.

[For more information click here.](#)

### Information for young people

#### The Best Project

Local young person Thomas Banks is working alongside Lenine Bourke at Contact Inc in Brisbane to develop a project with an Artistic Outcome where 10 people with disabilities from the GLBTIQ communities will explore their sexualities as part of a performance. They have developed an online survey about disability, friends, relationships, love and are currently promoting it to contacts to get responses from the targeted audiences..... Please pass on to anyone who is, knows, works with young people with a disability who might identify as same sex attracted or gender diverse. Go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/The\\_Best\\_Project](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/The_Best_Project)

#### You mean we have rights? New interactive, online tool for young women - Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission

Alarming low awareness rates among young women about discrimination are being tackled with a new interactive online tool – [myworkrights.com.au](http://myworkrights.com.au) recently launched by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission. Commissioner Dr Helen Szoke said my work rights was developed in response to Commission research which revealed that more than a third of Victorian young women have been discriminated against at work and a third have been sexually harassed.

my work rights is being promoted through facebook and twitter, and a my work rights [ecard](#) is available through Avant Card. For more details take the [my work rights quiz](#).

#### FLING FEST SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The Fling Fest short film festival is specifically for young film makers and provides a chance for some great prizes and of being shown at the screening night in October!

Are you the next big thing behind the lens? We are now calling for film entries. Enter your film or video to be in the running to win some great cash prizes. Films entered have the chance of being screened as part of the festival and judged by a panel of industry experts.

Category 1 – Short film: Create a short film that offers the audience an entertaining and interesting insight into our community and world. Each film should be unique and cover a diverse range of issues, ideas or images. Creativity and simple story-telling is the key to a successful and meaningful short film.

Category 2 - Music performance video clip: Create a music performance video that showcases the artist i.e. dancers, vocal performers etc. Each video should be unique and highlight the artist in a creative conceptual idea.

Category 3 – Video art: Create an artistic piece using film as the medium. Each film should be unique, creative showcasing the artistic merit of the cinematographer.

#### Entry criteria

- Maximum film length of 10 minutes (Category 1)
- Maximum video length of 5 minutes (Category 2 and 3)
- Creators of work must be under 25 years of age
- Entries must be submitted in full as a Quicktime movie file.
- Film can be of any genre but is subject to suitability criteria determined by FlingFest staff

To enter please fill in an entry form via this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/flingfest>

Send entries (on a DVD) to: Fling Fest 2011, Moonee Valley City Council Youth Services PO BOX 126, 9 Kellaway Ave Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

#### COMMONWEALTH YOUTH FORUM - CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

AYAC is currently assisting the Australian Government in promoting and running the application process for the Commonwealth Youth

Forum (CYF), which runs in conjunction with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

As Australia is the host nation for the CHOGM 30 young people aged 18-29 will be selected to attend the CYF in Fremantle, Western Australia, from 23-27 October 2011.

The theme for the forum is, 'Our Commonwealth, Our Future', and will focus on:

- Youth impact and participation in decision making
  - Peace building and conflict management
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Health
- Youth enterprise, ICT, sustainable livelihoods and the economy.

One of the aims of this process is to get a diverse group of young Australians attending the forum, including young people who have a disability, are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, come from a culturally or linguistically diverse background. We would also like to encourage young people who work with or have an understanding of these groups, to apply. The link to the registration page can be found at <http://bit.ly/mQkZTO>. If you have any questions about the process please contact Emma Luttrell or Jacqui McKenzie on 02 9212 500 or email [projects@ayac.org.au](mailto:projects@ayac.org.au).

#### REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA CREATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Creative Leadership Program is geared towards young people who are passionate about the arts and are considering a career in arts management. We are looking for young people from regional Victoria who will complete VCE this year or have done so in the last two years to apply.

This is a rare and exciting career development opportunity and will focus on hands-on learning and experience. Between 4-12 February 2012 we will provide aspiring arts leaders from regional Victoria with the opportunity to extend their career options and experience in the heart of Australia's arts capital – Melbourne. It will be a nine-day intensive program that brings participants face-to-face with arts workers, directors, producers, and marketers from across Victoria. The program will focus on workshops, lectures, and projects with real-world experience a key focus. This is a funded program, so key costs such as accommodation, some meals, transport to and from Melbourne, will be covered by RAV.

Applications will close on 14 October. You can find all the information at [www.rav.net.au](http://www.rav.net.au) and the Expression of Interest Form can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/RAVCreativeLeadership](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RAVCreativeLeadership).

#### HARD KNOCK LIFE CONFERENCE

Hard Knock Life aims to provide young people with the opportunity to create a better world for themselves, now and in the future. The aim is to leverage the creativity of young minds to create meaningful participation and effective change in local communities.

The conference is designed, organised, and run entirely by young people and will:

- harness the knowledge and experience of youth organisations to highlight the most effective and meaningful ways in which young people can influence, participate and lead change and;
- provide young people with the opportunity to share and promote their own opinions, ideas and projects about how they can improve the lives of young Australians.

Speakers include representatives from the Foundation for Young Australians, YFoundations, Cooperative Research Centre for Young People, Technology and Wellbeing, Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS, Centre for Multicultural Youth, Change.org.au, Express Media and Lantern Mental Health.

Bring your ideas and opinions about how you believe you can make a difference and create a better future. More info can be found at [www.hardknocklife.info](http://www.hardknocklife.info)



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### WANT YACVIC TO HOST TRAINING WORKSHOPS IN YOUR TOWN?

Are you based in rural or regional Victoria? Are you a young person, or working to support young people? You might want to help bring these training workshops to your town!

The Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, through our rural support and advocacy initiative, is offering training workshops for young people and support workers. We are seeking expressions of interest in bringing these to different communities.

This round of workshops will be held over the next 10 months, and sessions are available around the following topics

- Youth Participation – What does it mean? Why does it matter? What can you do about it?
- PROJECT ROCKIT! – Young people's leadership and action against bullying
- Good Cyber-Citizenship – Using technology to foster young people's wellbeing and positive participation

The first two topics can be presented as sessions for young people, or for support workers, teachers and other community members. We're also interested in holding sessions for both young people and workers in a single location.

Would you like to host a session in your region? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

We cover costs for venue hire, speakers and catering, and are happy to organise the sessions and promote them through our networks. Our speakers are also keen to hear more about the big issues in different regions, to ensure their material is targeted well.

For more information, contact Jessie Mitchell, at 9267 3715 or [rural@yacvic.org.au](mailto:rural@yacvic.org.au)

Get writing! The Odyssey House Short Story Competition

Author Kate Holden (In My Skin) is getting behind Odyssey House Victoria's inaugural Short Story Competition wherein writers of all ages and experience are invited to explore the theme: "How did I find myself here?"

**"Odyssey House helped me when I was addicted to heroin, and it's a pleasure to add my name to those who support their short story competition. For those whose voices are rarely heard, especially, this is a chance to sing, sorrow and shout on the page. I'm sure there will be some fabulous stories in this competition. Don't be shy, get writing!"**

"How did I find myself here?" is open to interpretation and writers do not necessarily have to write about alcohol and/or other drugs, however, an AOD reference should be made somewhere in the story. Cash and other prizes will be awarded for the top three stories. A 1,500 word limit applies.

To find out more on how to enter, go to: [www.odyssey.org.au](http://www.odyssey.org.au)

### Professional Development Opportunities

Highlighted Training is NEW to Newsletter

Boxed Training is training run in the Barwon South West region.

### Qualifications

#### Accredited AOD Training

The Department of Health (DH) has contracted Turning Point to develop and deliver a number of accredited courses for workers in the AOD sector. This project has been commissioned to support the DH Minimum Qualification Strategy as identified in its Workforce Development Strategy. There is no cost to workers in the relevant target group. Places are limited and early application is advised.

Vocational Education & Training: The four AOD specialisation units on offer are from the CHC40408 Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs located in the Community Services Training package CHC08.

Specific competencies on offer are:

- CHCAOD402A Work effectively in the AOD sector (Online Training)
- CHCAOD406D Work with clients who are intoxicated (Online Training)
- CHCAOD408A Assess needs of clients with alcohol and/or other drugs issues (Face to Face Training)
- CHCMH401A Work effectively in mental health settings (Face to Face Training)

Higher Education: The aim of the project is to provide an opportunity for senior clinicians within the Victorian AOD sector to gain access to accredited training at a postgraduate level. The four subjects on offer are part of Turning Point's Graduate Certificate in AOD studies. The subjects will be offered as single subjects delivered during day time hours and those who successfully complete the subjects will be able to transfer the credits to the Graduate Certificate at Turning Point or another tertiary institution if applicable. Specific subjects on offer are:

- Perspectives in Drug Use
- AOD Treatment, Assessment and Planning
- Young People, Drugs and Society
- Introduction to Mental Health

Expressions of interest close on Wednesday 31st August 2011

Further information and registration process is available at [www.turningpoint.org.au](http://www.turningpoint.org.au)

#### AOD Competencies delivered by YSAS

The following individual units, or a combination of units packaged to suit the needs of different workforces, are available:

CHCAOD408A	Assess the needs of clients with AOD issues
CHCAOD406D	Work with clients who are intoxicated
CHCAOD510A	Work effectively with clients with complex alcohol and/or other drug issues
CHCAOD402A	Work effectively in the alcohol and other drugs sector

For more information go to: <http://www.ysas.org.au/education-and-training/units>

#### Odyssey House Victoria AOD - Training Update

*Skills Set for Health Professionals:* The AOD Skill Set equips individuals who hold a Certificate IV AOD or a tertiary health, social or behavioural science qualification with the entry level requirement for the AOD sector. Expected study hours per week: 6-8, Course duration: 6 Months Application Dates: Accepting applications now!

Cost: \$1,220.00, Government Funded Price: \$275.00\*

*The Certificate IV in Training & Education (TAE40110)* is the endorsed qualification that has replaced the Certificate IV in Training & Assessment (TAA40104) Price: \$1275.00, Government Funded Price: \$275.00\*

*Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs CHC40408:* To meet the requirement of the Minimum Qualification Strategy this course is designed to provide candidates with the skills, knowledge and understanding to work autonomously at a day to day level in AOD withdrawal, youth, counselling, accommodation, outreach or residential services. Expected study hours per week: 6-8, Course Duration: 13 Months Cost: \$2925.00, Government Funded Price: \$275.00\*

*Dual Diagnosis:* Dual Diagnosis is a DHS recommended course for workers in the AOD and MH sectors. It includes orientation to the AOD and Mental Health Sector, Assessing the needs of clients with AOD and Mental Health issues with a focus on assessment tools, referrals, understanding of models of rehabilitation for consumers with AOD and mental health issues, networking with other services to support practices. Expected study hours per week: 8-10, Course Duration: 5 Months Cost: \$1,025.00, Government Funded Price: \$275.00\*

*22037VIC Course in Working with clients with Amphetamine Type Stimulant Issues:* This course is aimed at workers in the Community sector. It provides essential knowledge and information about the drug type and hands-on skill training. The course is delivered online and includes facilitated sessions. Enrolment is made at a time that suits you to complete the course. Costs: \$280. Participants receive a nationally recognised and accredited certificate in the qualification

\*This training is provided with Victorian Government funding, \$275.00 represents the required student contribution. Enrolments are subject to available funding. Go to [http://www.workskillsweb.net/taq\\_info.html](http://www.workskillsweb.net/taq_info.html) Enquiries and registration contact Sariah on 03 9420 7644 or email [studentadmin@odyssey.org.au](mailto:studentadmin@odyssey.org.au)

### Other Training

#### Harmaceuticals – boost your pill skills. Free seminars in Geelong and Warrnambool

Are you equipped to deal with the misuse of pharmaceuticals?

The misuse of prescription pharmaceuticals – from opioids to benzodiazepines to diverted methadone – is an increasing problem in Australia that demands better responses.

During September and October, Anex will conduct free seminars Victoria-wide on the problematic use of pharmaceuticals enabling workers to better respond to the needs of clients. This seminar program is made possible by funding from the Ian Potter Foundation and Department of Health Victoria.

Harmaceuticals will deal with the specific health and social challenges of prescription misuse as well as providing frontline workers with accurate information, practical strategies and resources.

Who should attend?

Primary and secondary NSP workers, outreach workers, primary health services staff, alcohol and drug services clinical staff, community health centre counsellors and nurses, hospital nurses and social services workers, correctional staff and Aboriginal service staff.

Where will the seminars take place?

Anex proposes to conduct three hour seminars in Geelong and Warrnambool. Register your interest for this important issue at [www.anex.org.au/harmaceuticals-boost-your-pill-skills](http://www.anex.org.au/harmaceuticals-boost-your-pill-skills)

#### Caraniche Training - February to June 2011

If you have any questions please contact on 8412 7111 or [training@caraniche.com.au](mailto:training@caraniche.com.au) Also refer to our website [www.caraniche.com.au](http://www.caraniche.com.au) for more details about the content of these and other trainings.

#### New human rights and equal opportunity training

New changes to the Equal Opportunity Act will come into force on 1 August 2011. These changes will have implications for all employers and service providers. The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission is offering a range of training sessions and workshops throughout Victoria, to assist all organisations to understand and implement the changes.

To find out more about what's available, visit:  
[http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=1267&Itemid=814](http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=1267&Itemid=814)

Training includes:

Understanding the law workshops

[Equal Opportunity Act 2010: Briefing](#)

[Equal Opportunity Act 2010: Implementation](#)

[The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities: An introduction](#)

[The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities: Advanced](#)

[The Charter for local government](#)

[The Charter for state government](#)

[Human rights and equal opportunity advocacy](#)

Effective practice workshops

[Equal opportunity contact officer: New to the role](#)

[Equal opportunity contact officer: Refresher](#)

[Equal opportunity for managers: Understanding your responsibilities](#)

[Equal opportunity for managers: Implementing good practice](#)

[Investigating formal complaints](#)

[Managing return to work after injury or illness](#)

[Mediating workplace disputes](#)

[Play by the rules](#)

[Train-the-trainer: Equal opportunity](#)

[Sexual harassment](#)

[Inclusive schools](#)

[The Charter and VELS](#)

### The HIV, Hepatitis, STIs Education + Resource Centre's July to December 2011 Education and Training Calendar

Along with their regular 'Getting to Know....' sessions there are some exciting new topics on the ERC's July to December training calendar. Download the calendar [here](#).

### September 2011

#### 5 September 2011

##### Older people and alcohol and other drugs seminar

Australia's population is ageing rapidly. Older Australians are more likely to drink on a daily basis, take multiple medications, have multiple medical problems and be socially isolated. Despite this, older people are under-represented in alcohol and other drug (AOD) services.

To examine these issues, DrugInfo will be running a seminar on 5 September 2011. This free interactive seminar will also consider issues from the upcoming DrugInfo newsletter and Prevention Research Quarterly "Older people and alcohol and other drugs". Presenters:

- Prof. Dan Lubman—Director, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre and Professor of Addiction Studies and Services, Monash University
- Jo Marston—Psychologist, Benzodiazepine Program, Reconnexion
- Simon Ruth—Director, Complex Services, Community Health, Peninsula Health
- Dr Alice Rota-Bartelink—Research Manager, Wintringham

Venue: William Angliss Conference Centre, William Angliss Institute of TAFE, Level 5, 555 LaTrobe Street (cnr King St.), Melbourne at 9:30am–12:30pm (9:00am registration)

Bookings are strictly limited, so you are advised to book early. Bookings close at 4:00 pm on Thursday 1 September 2011. For more information, or to book your place, tel. 1300 85 85 84 or send your name, organisation and contact phone number to [druginfo@adf.org.au](mailto:druginfo@adf.org.au).

#### 8th September

##### Sexual Development and Sexually Abusive Behaviours in Adolescents: How to Assess and Understand

Working with adolescents can often present challenging situations, especially in relation to sexual relationships and behaviours. In this training we will look at what is normal sexual behaviour for

adolescents and discuss sexual behaviours that require a response. This training will also explore a range of sexually abusive behaviours that adolescents may engage in including use of technology such as through "sexting" and the internet. Topics Covered Include:

- Understanding adolescent sexual development
- Normal sexual behaviour and concerning or abusive behaviours
- Responding to needs, risk and safety issues for adolescents, their families and others
- Sexually abusive behaviours, consent and the law including mandatory reporting
- Constructing an intervention plan

Training will be held at Lifeline, 1 McKillop St **Geelong** from 9.30am-3.30pm. For More Information or to register please go to [www.casa.org.au](http://www.casa.org.au) or Email [admin@barwoncasa.org](mailto:admin@barwoncasa.org)

#### 8 September

##### MODERN AWARD WORKSHOPS

VCOSS will be again partnering with Jobs Australia to hold six more Modern Award workshops that will provide information about the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award (SCHCADS) otherwise known as the Modern Award. Transition to the classifications and loadings of the Modern Award has been put off until 1 February 2012 leaving time to learn and ask questions about what is involved in the transition.

Some of the content covered in the workshop includes:

- \* Framework of Fair Work Act
- \* Key conditions set by SCHCADS
- \* Pay Equity case

The half day workshops are designed for senior managers, such as human resource managers or finance officers who are responsible for the employer's obligations under the Award & will be supported with written materials. Workshops will be limited to one place per organisation. The workshops will run from 9am – 1pm and cost \$45 VCOSS and Jobs Vic members and \$55 for all others.

To register go to

[www.eventbrite.com/directory?q=vcss+victorian+council+clearinghouse+modern+award&loc=Worldwide&s=date](http://www.eventbrite.com/directory?q=vcss+victorian+council+clearinghouse+modern+award&loc=Worldwide&s=date) or for more information contact Beck Pope on T: 9654 5050 or [beck.pope@vcss.org.au](mailto:beck.pope@vcss.org.au)

#### 8th September

##### A different View of Bipolar Disorders

Chris Mackey continues to offer a further series of free public talks on mental health and wellbeing. These topics relate to not only those seeking or providing mental health services, but also to family members and the wider public in gaining a greater understanding of mental health issues.

The full schedule of talks for 2011 is listed on the Free Public Talks page of our website. [www.chrismackey.com.au](http://www.chrismackey.com.au)

Please feel free to contact our administration team if you have any enquiries or would like to be placed on the email reminder service for the talks.

All talks are held at 7:30 pm – 8.45pm at the Geelong West Town Hall – Supper Room on the dates below. Please note the entrance to the Supper Room is on the East side of the **Geelong** West Town Hall near the Geelong West Library.

#### 8-9 September

##### Fighting Fair Level 1 – Mediation & Conflict

This interactive and stimulating 2 day course will assist professionals to explore conflict and impart the essential principles and process of mediation. The structured 5-step mediation model and specific conflict resolution skills will be presented and practiced. All courses are endorsed by the APS (12 CPD hours) & the AASW (24 points). An advanced mediation course is offered in November. To register or more information go to [www.fightingfair.com.au](http://www.fightingfair.com.au)

### 9 September

#### Mind Matters Training for all education staff - Staff Wellbeing

Transitions are a part of life and yet they are times when school staff and students can lose their connection with school. This module explores a range of transitions for students and school staff including between schools, regions, cultures, health agencies, work, training and care facilities. Participants will use a set of principles to successfully plan for successful transitions for school community members. Time: 9am – 4pm at Geelong Conference Centre (GCC), Adams Court, Eastern Park, **Geelong**. Please register online at: [www.mindmatters.edu.au](http://www.mindmatters.edu.au)

### 13 September

#### Making a Difference: Family Inclusion, Innovation and Integration Conference

The Bouverie Centre is pleased to announce the upcoming Beacon Strategy conference at the Jasper Hotel – Melbourne. Cost: FREE. This conference will bring together clinicians and managers from the Alcohol and Other Drugs, Gambler's Help and Mental Health Sectors and provide an opportunity to showcase the innovative work being done in the area of implementing family inclusive practices. The central themes of the conference are family work, implementation and integration. The program will include key note speakers, plenary sessions and concurrent sessions. To register: [Click here or for Enquiries: \[bouverie.beacon@latrobe.edu.au\]\(mailto:bouverie.beacon@latrobe.edu.au\)](#)  
Or contact Evonne Fletcher on 9385 5100.

### 13th September

#### Counsellor Self-Care

This workshop will examine issues of self-care for counsellors including maintaining appropriate boundaries, compassion fatigue, burnout and vicarious traumatization. Queen Victoria Women's Centre Atrium, 5th floor/210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne, @9.30 am - 4.30 pm  
\$160 NALAG Members/\$200 Non Members, Maximum 20 participants (5 OPD/CPD points) Morning/afternoon refreshments provided. Lunch can be purchased or BYO. Click **To register**

### 14th September

#### What happens when you don't love your body? - How families and friends can help

Eating Disorders Victoria, the City of Greater Geelong and Barwon Health present this FREE community awareness event presented by Dr Naomi Crafti BSc(Hons) DPsych (Counselling) MAPS

This presentation covers:

- What is body image and what are the risks of negative body image
- Contributors to negative body image
- The dangers of obsessive perfectionism
- Bullying and weightism
- What to say and how to help
- Tips to reduce the risks of developing eating disorders
- How EDV can help

Where: Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 Gheringhap St, Geelong.  
Bookings Essential. To book go to -

[www.eatingdisorders.org.au/events](http://www.eatingdisorders.org.au/events) or phone 9885 6563

### 15th September 2011

#### iTaNGO Workshops

The iTaNGO project is an initiative funded and supported by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Office for the Community Sector to give community organisations the knowledge and resources to get the most out of their ICT setup and improve their online communications. These four-hour interactive sessions are designed for key staff of NFP community organisations. The workshops aim to engage staff in strategically assessing their organisation's ICT potential and

development by looking at the general barriers and challenges around ICT uptake, assessing their current digital proficiency and identifying resources and activities to move forward.

The workshop is free and will be held from 1pm – 5pm at Aspire, Conference Room, 505 Raglan parade, **Warrnambool**. For more information or to register go to: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1874884831/eorg>

### 16 September 2011

#### Dependent personality disorder: Moving from compliance to autonomy

Presenters: Radmila (Rada) Semec and Janina Tomasoni

People with dependent personality disorder are likely to attend appointments regularly, are very engaged in the session but make no moves to change. They are often seen as having borderline personality disorder, because they do self harm, however the context and motivations are quite different, and the treatment for BPD does not have a good effect.

This workshop will look at some of the strategies to develop a therapeutic plan that will support people to move to greater independence.

For clinicians from Victorian Area Mental Health Services

The training will be held from 9.30am-4.30pm @ The Treacy Centre, Parkville. Cost: \$77 for clinicians from Victorian Area Mental Health Services, \$132 for clinicians from all other services.

For more details and registration form see Spectrum website: [www.spectrumbpd.com.au](http://www.spectrumbpd.com.au)

### 19th September 2011

#### Understanding & Treating Childhood Attachment Disorder

Understanding & Treating Childhood Attachment Disorder provides the clinician with an evidence-based update on Attachment related disorders in traumatised and maltreated children. By exploring clinical and research findings from the past decade, participants will become aware of the emerging consensus for important changes to the conceptualization and treatment of this disorder.

Seminar Outline:

Defining Trauma related Disorders of early childhood

- Reactive Attachment Disorder
- Disinhibited Social Engagement Disorder
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Preschool Children

Neurobiological and Genetic Modifiers

- Neurobiology of Trauma
- Genetic Modifiers

Towards Healing Attachment Disorders in young children (Part 1)

- Towards Changing brain-based behaviours
- Review of Intervention Models

Towards Healing Attachment Disorders in young children (Part 2)

- Role of birth parents (if involved)
- Role of long-term carers as primary agents of attachment healing
- Role of clinical, educational and casework team members

This seminar is designed to provide 6 hours of active, face-to-face learning. Each session includes a pre-seminar and post-seminar task designed to meet the PBA requirements for an Active CPD event. Clinicians and others not seeking formal CPD credit are welcome to attend without completing the pre and post seminar tasks.

Who: Psychologists & other mental health professionals, educators, or caseworkers, working with children with traumatic backgrounds.

Where: Monash Conference, Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. Cost: \$ 295 Regular, \$ 225 Full-T Student Includes Morning/Afternoon Tea & Lunch. Information & Registration: Call (02)96229610 or visit website: [www.childpsychology.net.au](http://www.childpsychology.net.au) or Email: [info@childpsychology.net.au](mailto:info@childpsychology.net.au)

### 20th September 2011

#### The Refugee Experience

This half day course is suitable for professionals currently working with, or those who would like to increase their capacity to work with, refugee survivors.

Content includes:

- Refugee resettlement: the global, Australian & Geelong picture
- Typical experiences faced by refugees prior to arrival in Australia
- Trauma and the refugee experience – the psychosocial impact
- Settlement – opportunities and challenges
- Strategies to support recovery
- Resources and services in Geelong

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL, Priority goes to people on the current wait list. TIMES: 9am to 12.30pm, VENUE: Meeting Room 3, Geelong Town Hall, Cnr Gheringhap & Little Malop St, Geelong. No Cost, Morning tea will be provided. (Please notify us of any dietary requirements at the time of registration)

Please register for this half day workshop by contacting Naomi Madigan on: 5227 4015 or [nmadigan@G21.com.au](mailto:nmadigan@G21.com.au)

Foundation House provides support for refugees & asylum seekers to recover from the experience of torture & abuse, while helping them to rebuild their lives in a safe environment. For more information see

[www.foundationhouse.org.au](http://www.foundationhouse.org.au)

### October 2011

#### 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

##### Adolescent Problematic Sexualised Behaviours

Working with adolescents can often present challenging situations especially in relation to sexual relationships and behaviours. In this training we will look at what is normal sexual behaviour for adolescents and discuss sexual behaviours that require a response. This training will also explore a range of sexually abusive behaviours that adolescents may engage in including use of technology such as through "sexting" and the Internet.

Topics Covered Include

- \* Understanding adolescent sexual development
- \* Normal sexual behaviour and concerning or abusive behaviours
- \* Responding to needs, risk and safety issues for adolescents, their families and others
- \* Sexually abusive behaviours, consent and the law including mandatory reporting
- \* Constructing an intervention plan

The Training will be held at McKillop St, **Geelong** and will run from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Each session is \$80 and a light lunch will be provided on the day. For more information or to get a registration form email [admin@barwoncasa.org](mailto:admin@barwoncasa.org) or call on 5222 4318.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011

##### Self-Abuse Finally Ends - 'An Introduction To Working With Individuals Who Self-Abuse'

"... I now know this would be the most important decision I have made in my life. It gave me my life!" said Juliet, 27 years of age. "I have not hurt myself since February 2002"

SAFE in Oz will be presenting 'An Introduction To Working With Individuals Who Self-Abuse' a 2 day training workshop in Geelong.

SAFE in Oz aim to provide workshop participants an insight into the headspace of one who self-abuses in order to better understand their 'real' world and experiences; focussing specifically on their thoughts, feelings and behaviours. Throughout the workshop we encourage participants to employ strength based practice, in collaboration with their clients and significant others, as a means to discovering a myriad of healthier alternative behaviours to use in response to their inner trauma. As self-abuse does not impact solely on the physical aspect of an individual's life, we also link self-abuse to its impact on the, mind, spirit and social aspects of life and explore the related long term effects.

SAFE in Oz discuss the connection between self-abuse and suicide, BPD [Borderline Personality Disorder], mental illness, sexual assault,

domestic violence and adolescence. The presentation mode for the workshop is both interactive and activity based and includes 'real' case studies, PowerPoint presentation and DVD.

Each workshop participant is provided with a SAFE in Oz brochure, pen and presentation folder. The folder includes a workbook for each day which contains a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, activity pages and additional subject related reference and resource materials. The activity sheets include strategies and tools for use with clients, while the reference material acts to enhance understanding and give insight into related topics.

The training will be held at All Saints Anglican Church Training Room, 113 Noble St, Newtown and cost \$360. Time 9am-4pm

For more information or to get a registration form contact; [safeinoz@wideband.net.au](mailto:safeinoz@wideband.net.au) or call Di Wines – 0417 303 505 or Annie Slocombe – 0433 085 367. Get in quick...there are limited places for the workshops.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October

##### 6<sup>th</sup> ACSO Forensic Disabilities Conference "New Paradigms, Old Challenges"

Do we just punish, or punish and rehabilitate and support, or even provide better supports and early interventions to prevent this group from entering the criminal justice system? A complex topic, the 6<sup>th</sup> ACSO Forensic Disabilities Conference provides the platform for frontline staff, practitioners, professionals, consumers and policy makers to explore emerging trends, evidence based practices and research regarding the efficacy of compulsory treatment, as well as looking at alternative or complimentary options including therapeutic programs, treatment, housing and wrap around support, alongside the ongoing implications on human rights within the forensic disability arena.

The program for the ACSO conference is now finalised and is available to view on the website. Please take some time to view the program and see the wide range of topics covered and the guest speakers that you will be able hear. The Conference Organising Committee is pleased to confirm the following keynote speakers:

- Professor Bernadette McSherry, Director, Centre for the Advancement of Law and Mental Health
- Professor John Taylor, Professor of Clinical Psychology, Northgate Hospital United Kingdom
- Professor Susan Hayes, Professor of Behavioural Sciences in Medicine at the University of Sydney and Visiting Professor at the University of Bristol, UK.
- Dr Danny Sullivan, Consultant Psychiatrist, Assistant Clinical Director, Forensicare Adjunct Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology and Psychiatry, Monash University

A third workshop has been added to the Conference workshop program on Monday 10 October. The workshop, titled Sweating the Small Stuff: The Everyday Ethics of Rehabilitations Offenders with a Disability will be presented by renowned psychiatrist Dr. William Glasser. Delegates who register to attend workshop 1 & 2 are able to attend workshop 3 at no additional cost.

Register now to secure your involvement in this inspiring conference. The early bird registration fee of \$425.00 is available until 9<sup>th</sup> September and is a saving of \$65.00 off the standard registration fee. Click [here](#) to register for the conference. The Conference is being held at the Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> October

##### Complex Trauma and Disassociation

Chris Mackey continues to offer a further series of free public talks on mental health and wellbeing. These topics relate to not only those seeking or providing mental health services, but also to family members and the wider public in gaining a greater understanding of mental health issues.

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### 14 October

#### YOUTH WORKERS ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The YWA announces a professional development and networking meeting for Youth Workers. FREE TO ALL MEMBERS! Join now at [www.ywa.net.au](http://www.ywa.net.au) The very first in an ongoing series of YWA professional development events. Speakers: 1:30pm – 3pm, Networking: 3pm onwards @ Trades Hall Council. Old Council Chambers, Cnr. Victoria & Lygon Streets, Carlton South

Guest speakers will include:

- Mr. Bernie Geary OAM, the Victorian Child Safety Commissioner. Bernie will be discussing the safety of young people and the safety of workers.
- Jordana Cohen is a lawyer from Youthlaw, the young people's legal rights centre. She will be speaking about some of the legal implications faced by Youth Workers such as mandatory reporting and duty of care.
- Lisa Darmanin is the Assistant Branch Secretary of the Australian Services Union. Lisa will be talking about the current pay equity case and pay and conditions of Youth Workers.

Join us afterwards for some networking over drinks and nibbles at La Notte, 140 Lygon st. Cost of \$10 to non-members and free to all YWA members (all categories).RSVP by 23rd of September by emailing [info@ywa.net.au](mailto:info@ywa.net.au)

### 18th October

#### 2011 Not for Profit Summit: Think Resources

The Office for the Community Sector is pleased to announce that registrations for the 2011 Not for Profit Summit: Think Resources are now open. This year's workshop will be held in Bendigo @ The Capital, Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre, 50 View St on Tuesday, 18th October from 9am to 4pm.

The day will feature a range of exciting speakers, sector exhibitors and practical workshops. It is your chance to learn about new ways of working, explore ideas for doing things differently and find out about resources that will help your organisation continue to develop.

#### Key topics:

- Resources, resources, resources: how to get finance for capital development, how to get support from philanthropy and business and how to use what you have to the maximum
- Innovation and technology: how ICT can really help you deliver
- Getting the right workforce in place for emerging challenges and needs
- New government, new context

For further information and to register now click [here](#).

### 18th October 2011

#### Four Cs for courts: Court reporting, Case notes, Confidence and Capacity

Throughout October and November 2011 VAADA will be facilitating a series of practice development forums to support AOD workers to respond to the needs of clients involved in court proceedings. The forums are being held across Victoria and will bring together practitioners from the AOD sector and representatives from legal services and Victorian courts.

Funded by the AER Foundation, the core aims of the VAADA Sector Development forum series are to increase understanding of the Victorian court system and processes; highlight examples of existing

good practice; increase awareness of available resources and support options.

The forums will be relevant for all managers and practitioners within AOD services and will incorporate participation and presentations from Victoria Legal Aid, Turning Point and Magistrate's court staff.

The training will run 10am – 3pm at a venue in **Geelong**. Access the promotional flyer at [www.vaada.org.au/webpage/items/334242-upload-00001.pdf](http://www.vaada.org.au/webpage/items/334242-upload-00001.pdf). Register for the forum nearest to you at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FourCs-RSVP>. Places are limited, register now.

### November 2011

#### 3 November, 2011

##### Responding to Sexual Assault: Level 2

This interactive workshop extends the skills and confidence of those working with adults victim/survivors of sexual assault. The program focuses on contemporary biopsychosocial understandings about trauma and post-traumatic stress responses and issues for adult victim/survivors of child sexual assault. The workshop is structured to enhance skills and techniques for responding to people in crisis because of sexual assault. Time is taken to consider vicarious trauma and self-care for workers. Completion of Responding to Sexual Assault - Level 1 held in August is a prerequisite for attending Level 2. Cost per workshop \$130 per person per workshop or \$70 for students and will be held in Melbourne CBD. For more information please check [www.casahouse.com.au/index.php?page\\_id=136](http://www.casahouse.com.au/index.php?page_id=136) or telephone CASA House on 9635 3600

#### 10<sup>th</sup> November

##### Where is Positive Psychiatry: The limitations of prevailing mental health models?

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#### 13-16th November

##### ASAP 2011 Conference

On behalf of the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs I am pleased to invite you to join us 42° south, in Hobart, Tasmania for our 2011 conference which will be held from 13 – 16 November 2011.

As always, you can look forward to a rich program of national and international speakers sharing new insights in neuroscience, interventions, policy innovations and emerging challenges for our sector. For the first time, the conference will include a satellite program from our sister organisation, the European Opiate Addiction Treatment Association, which will bring extra opportunities to interact with our international colleagues.

Conference participants are encouraged to use both traditional modes of communication such as oral and poster presentations, as well as other styles of engagement such as participatory workshops and debates/discussions.

Our conference venue overlooks the beautiful waterfront, and is just a stroll away from the city centre and the renowned Salamanca area, a hub for fine foods and arts. While you're here, of course, I hope you can take some time out to experience some of the breathtaking

natural beauty on offer across our friendly state, or for the more cerebral, to provoke your senses at the renowned Museum of Old and New Art.

For more information, program or to register go to <http://www.qpsadconference.com.au/>

### 16-18 November

#### Creative Innovation Conference 2011

Creative Innovation 2011 – a conference where participants will have the opportunity to learn, think, connect and share ideas with over 35 of the world's most influential thinkers. The theme of this year's conference is "The challenges and opportunities of a super-connected world". Speakers include:

- Raymond Kurzweil, one of USA's leading entrepreneurs,
- Daniel Dennett acclaimed philosopher and cognitive scientist (USA),
- Edward De Bono, world authority on creative thinking (UK),
- Tan Le technology entrepreneur (USA),
- Brendan Boyle, Stanford and IDEO design thinking expert (USA),
- Paddy Miller, "The Innovation Architect" (USA),
- Stephen Heppell, education guru (UK),
- Simon McKeon, Australian of the Year,
- and many more!

For more information on the conference, see: [www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/ci2011/](http://www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/ci2011/)

### 16 & 17 November

#### Group Facilitation Skills

An action packed two-day program:

- Enliven and improve the effectiveness of your group programs
- New ideas and activities
- Four keys for effective planning
- Group theory
- Strategies for dealing with difficult dynamics.

Cost: \$395 (Includes GST). 9.00 - 5.00 each day. (Lunches & manual included). Run at Hawthorn Campus, The University of Melbourne, 442 Auburn Rd. Hawthorn

To register: <http://www.teamtraining.com.au/courses1.htm>

### 17-18 November

#### Fighting Fair Level 2 – Advanced Mediation Training

This challenging course is aimed at those who already have an understanding and practical experience of the mediation process. It will focus on advanced issues and aims to refine and update workers skills, practices and theoretical perspectives used to mediate in various areas of conflict. An introductory training is offered in September. All courses are endorsed by the APS (12 CPD hours) & the AASW (24 points). To register or for more information go to [www.fightingfair.com.au](http://www.fightingfair.com.au)

### 24 November 2011

#### Team Leaders' Workshop

A 'hands on' day for people in a team leadership role:

- Tools to assess your team's functioning
- Strategies for creating effective teamwork
- Leading in an environment of change
- Dealing with difficulties.

Cost: \$235 (Includes GST). 9.00 - 5.00. (Lunch & manual included). To register: [www.teamtraining.com.au/courses1.htm](http://www.teamtraining.com.au/courses1.htm) or contact Tony @ The Training Team 0418 134 709 or Email: [info@teamtraining.com.au](mailto:info@teamtraining.com.au)

## 2012

### 22-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012

#### Capturing The Moment: An Inaugural International Symposium On Single Session Therapies And Walk-In Services

This residential symposium is for clinicians, managers, policy-makers, and anyone who is passionate, fascinated, or just plain curious and interested in exploring both clinical and implementation aspects of Single Session Therapy (SST) approaches, dedicated Walk-In services and other responsive client service models...

It is intended that this symposium will give participants the opportunity to share the latest developments in clinical practice, research, service development and implementation strategies, as well as engaging in discussing the philosophy and history of these ideas. It will follow a non- traditional (free-flowing) format wherein participants from a wide range of settings here in Australia and across the world are encouraged to share, reflect and debate the core elements and key dilemmas associated with this inspiring and sometimes controversial approach to clinical work. You can register your interest in this symposium (no commitment required) and/or in the development of an International Single Session Network by using this link: [http://latrobe.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/bc\\_symp](http://latrobe.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/bc_symp)