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## Consumer Engagement

### Consumer Engagement Program Update

This year's Annual Forum Report "Developing a Tasmanian ATOD Sector Consumer Organisation" has now been developed and will be circulated to the sector directly. The report provides **OPTIONS** identified at the forum in regards to, the next steps for consumers to take in developing an organisation and the role of CSO's in supporting the process.

ATI have been successful in securing a joint training grant with Flourish to provide training to ATOD and Mental Health consumers interested in becoming involved in consumer or other organisations. Topics covered in the training will include Advocacy, Governance, Membership and Representation. Details are currently being finalised.

For more information about the CEP please contact Tanya on 6224 2240 or by email to

[t.zollner@advocacytasmania.org.au](mailto:t.zollner@advocacytasmania.org.au)

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## Sector Update

### The Value of Data Collection

**A Hobart release this week of the Maxxia "Workplace Insights: 2013 Not-for-Profit Sentiment Study" reinforced the importance of data collection in order to better understand the sector in which we work. This particular study "shines light on several initiatives that NFP organisation leaders might consider, to increase retention and productivity".**

One of the strongest messages from the release was the statement, quoted from work done on National Health System staff by The Kings Fund, that demonstrating to your staff that you care for them more than you care for clients is the greatest impetus for staff engagement. Staff engagement, the feeling of being valued, respected and supported, being involved in decision making and having autonomy, manifests itself in enthusiasm, lower staff turnover and better client outcomes.

While there is a strong correlation between many of the findings of the Maxxia study and the findings of the ATDC Workforce Survey, there are also some differences, and this why collecting good information for particular parts of the sector is critical for our understanding of the workforce and for forward planning.

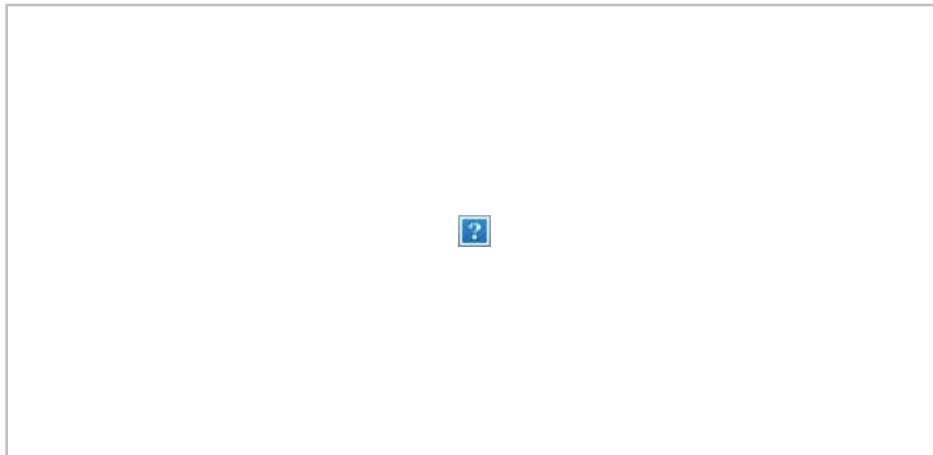
We have ATOD community sector data and we are delighted that the Alcohol and Drug Service is in the process of collecting workforce data which will enable the ATDC and ADS workforce staff to collaborate on the production of a workforce plan for Tasmania's alcohol and drug sector.

We look forward to sharing our data, and the work from it, with you in the near future.

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### Out of the Shadows Walk Friday 13th September 2013



**Come and join us as we walk out of the shadows and into the light to commemorate World Suicide Prevention Day. The walk provides you with an opportunity to show your support and commitment to preventing suicide and remembering those who have died.**

The walkers will assemble on Friday 13th September at 5.50am at the Cenotaph, The Domain, Hobart. The walk will conclude at Parliament House Lawns where there will be music, speeches, and a light breakfast.

Attendees can park at Salamanca and catch a bus from there to the Domain at 5.30am.

To rsvp please go to [www.outoftheshadows.org.au](http://www.outoftheshadows.org.au)

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## Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

### ATDC/TasTAFE training events: Last chance to register for ATOD Promotion and Prevention in Hobart

**Research shows us that the best return for effort in the ATOD field is in the area of prevention. Increase your skills at working in the field of ATOD prevention through upcoming ATDC / TasTAFE\* training ATOD Promotion and Prevention.**

This course is nationally recognised training delivered in the context of the Tasmanian ATOD PPEI Strategic Framework by Maria Duggan, a trainer with the Drug Education Network, the lead agency for implementation of the ATOD PPEI framework. The training is delivered under the auspices of TasTAFE, which will conduct the assessment for the unit.

**Who:** All who work in the ATOD sector

**Where:** Hobart

**When:** 14th August 2013

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

**Cost:** \$64.10

#### Why attend?

- Learn to identify and select appropriate ATOD promotion and prevention strategies for different communities and target audiences,
- Refine your planning and liaison skills for ATOD promotion and prevention activities,
- Learn the elements that will ensure the success of your promotion and prevention activities,
- Produce more informative and relevant reports on your activities, and
- Achieve one unit towards the Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health).

**[Click here for the registration form.](#)**

This training is funded by the Skills Fund and covers the skills and knowledge defined in the nationally recognised unit of competence CHCPROM503A: Provide community focused promotion and prevention strategies. Those registering will be required to complete the assessment for this unit.

*\*TasTAFE replaces the Skills Institute & the Polytechnic.*

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### NEW Working with offending behaviours and ATOD issues

**Training for ATOD community sector workers who work with clients with ATOD use and offending behaviours.**

This training will cover:

Understanding ATOD related offending,

- Understanding offenders and the precursors to offending behaviours,
- Increasing skills in working with clients with a history of offending behaviour and ATOD use,
- Development of confidence and skills in managing risk, safety and boundaries in working with clients with offending behaviours and ATOD issues,
- Managing difficult behaviours in clients with offending behaviours and ATOD issues, and
- Exploration of values and attitudes that enhance worker effectiveness in working with clients with offending behaviours and ATOD issues.

#### Level of Training:

The training is offered at intermediate - advanced level.

Location	Date	Time
Devonport	3 September 2013	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Hobart	6 September 2013	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Cost:** ATDC Members \$145.00; non-members \$210.00.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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## Bachelor of Arts (Professional Honours) Human Services Practice

A UTas opportunity to upgrade your existing degree with no HECS fees (conditions apply!)

### Information Sessions

- Burnie** Tuesday 13th August, 4.00 - 5.00pm, Cradle Coast Campus of UTAS, 16-20 Mooreville Road, Burnie; Room: CC.D202
- Devonport** Tuesday 13th August 12noon - 1.00pm, Meeting Room, Devonport RSL Club, McFie Street, Devonport (adjacent to the Devonport Community Health Centre)
- Launceston** Tuesday 6 August, 2013, 4.00 - 5.00pm, Newnham Campus of UTAS, Newnham Drive, Launceston; Lecture Theatre #1 (Room NH.A150), Building A (Education Building)
- Hobart** Monday 12 August 2013, 4.00 - 5.00pm, Sandy Bay Campus of UTAS, Humanities Building, 5th Floor, Seminar Room #548 (SB.Hum548 Seminar Room).

For further details, contact Professor Sandra Taylor by phone on 6324 3528 or by email at

[s.d.taylor@utas.edu.au](mailto:s.d.taylor@utas.edu.au) OR Ms Mara Schneiders on 6324 3627 or at [mara.schneiders@utas.edu.au](mailto:mara.schneiders@utas.edu.au)

Campus maps can be found by [clicking here](#).

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## Professional Supervision - Providing an Integrated Learning Environment Two-day Workshop

Presented by Tracey Harris, Director, Amovita Consulting, this 2 day training course provides allied health supervisors with the necessary tools, resources and information to develop and facilitate a fully integrated supervision process.

This workshop is designed for any allied health professionals working across all sectors responsible for the supervision of allied health students and staff.

Attendees may gain credit for undertaking this training in the "Supervision for Practice" unit within the new BA Professional Honours - Human Services Practice program at UTAS.

Location	Date
Launceston	Thursday 26 September and Monday 30 September
Hobart	Monday 23 September and Thursday 3 October

**Cost: Free;** funding made available by Health Workforce Australia; financial incentives may be available for rural and remote practitioners.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Colony 47 Reconnect's "Tapping Inner Strengths" Program

"Tapping Inner Strengths" is for parents and carers of young people aged between 12 to 18 years. The program aims to support parents/carers as they meet the challenges of parenting through the transition from childhood through to adolescence and beyond. The program aims to offer opportunities to build on the participants' existing strengths and skills with new positive strategies for them to consider and possibly try, leading to increased confidence and resilience in their interactions and relationships with their teens.

The 6 week program is free and includes a range of valuable information.

The program includes topics of interest that parents have flagged as important from their individual meeting prior to the start of the program.

"Tapping Inner Strengths" is a great way to support parents in recognising their own strengths, grow a better understanding of the world their teenager lives in and consider a range of parenting strategies.

Please contact us early if you are interested in the next program by phone on 6214 1481 or by email [reconnect@colony47.com.au](mailto:reconnect@colony47.com.au)

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## Upcoming Conferences

### 2013 National Drug Trends Conference: Highs and lows of contemporary drugs in Australia: Emerging Psychoactive Substances, pharmaceutical opioids and other drugs

The National Drug Trends Conference will present recent findings in illicit drug use, markets and related harms across Australia and internationally. Convened by Australia's largest drug monitoring systems, the Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) and the Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS), the one day conference will include the first release of the 2013 findings.

Tuesday 15th October 2013, State Library of Victoria, Conference Centre, Entry 3, 179 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

[Click here to register](#)

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE - 20 August - Melbourne - Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use.

The conference will be taking place on the 20th August, 2013 in Melbourne, held in conjunction with The Mental Health Services Annual Conference (TheMHS).

[Click here to register online.](#)

The full-day workshop is \$320.00 and early bird discount closes 12th July.

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### **Tasmanian Allied Health Symposium - November 14 2013 and call for abstracts**

A unique state-wide symposium will be conducted in Hobart on Thursday 14th November 2013. The program will provide an opportunity for Tasmanian Allied Health Professionals to showcase and share their service and workplace initiatives. The symposium will bring people together from the public, private and NGOs sectors. In addition, there will be invited national speakers to stimulate and challenge us to work in creative and innovative ways.

[Click here for more information.](#)

#### **Call for Abstracts**

The Allied Health Professional Executive Committee (DHHS) and the Tasmanian Allied Health Professionals Advancement Committee are pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for quality initiatives or research reflecting the symposium theme. The Theme, "Agents of Change", aims to explore the achievements of Allied Health in practice development, delivering solutions and demonstrating better health outcomes for the people and communities we work for.

Abstracts detailing quality projects or research should include at least preliminary results. All abstracts must be submitted using the abstract template available on the website by [clicking here](#). The completed template should be emailed to [tahpac@gmail.com](mailto:tahpac@gmail.com) and be no more than 300 words long. Call for Abstract submission closes 21st August 2013.

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### **Tasmanian Association of Community Houses CONFERENCE 2013**

TACH are very excited about this year's TACH Conference Building and Rebuilding: Creative, Connected, Communities. The theme will be explored from all sides and due to the generous support from our major sponsor Medicare Local we have been able to invite a great range of speakers and workshop presenters while still keeping the Early Bird Rate for Neighbourhood House delegates.

#### **When and Where:**

Wednesday September 25 to Friday September 27,  
Building and Rebuilding Creative, Connected Communities  
Brighton Civic Centre, Green Point Road, Bridgewater, Tasmania.

[Click here](#) for further information and registration.

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## **Grants**

### **2013-14 Youth Development & Support Program funding round open**

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### **Answer Community Education Program Grants for 2014**

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## New Resources

### New report finds happiness and discontent in NFP workforce

Maxxia's "Workplace Insights, 2013 Not-for-Profit Sentiment Study" is a report that heard from more than 1,850 leaders and employees from the community sector.

The report explored why employees are attracted to working in the sector and their reasons for departing the sector. One very interesting aspect of the report is the extent to which skills, qualifications and career development were found to be significantly more important to employees than their managers recognise, and the quality of management, low wages and poor morale are far greater drivers for employees contemplating leaving than may be perceived by community sector leaders.

[Click here to view the report.](#)

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### Mersey-Leven Youth Health Behaviours Survey Report 2013

Youth and Family Focus Inc. embarked on an ambitious project to survey the youth in the Mersey-Leven area of North Western Tasmania. In excess of 1100 surveys were originally requested through parents/guardians, with over 300 surveys being completed, producing an excellent response rate of 35%. The schools that took part and facilitated the completion of the survey were: Don College, St Brendan Shaw College, Sheffield District and Ulverstone, Latrobe, Reece and Penguin High Schools.

The aim of the survey was to develop a comprehensive snapshot of the state of youth in the Mersey-Leven Region, the objectives being:

- Development of a comprehensive demographic profile of all young people in the Mersey-Leven Region,
- Develop a report on the health and wellbeing of young people including alcohol and drug use use, sex and relationships, and
- Provide young people with the opportunity to express their needs and to be heard.

The results of this survey will now be used by Youth and Family Focus Inc. and other health and human service providers to better tailor their services to the youth of the Mersey-Leven area.

The report can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Additional copies of the Report can be obtained by contacting:

Youth and Family Focus Inc. by phone on (03) 6423 6635 or by fax on (03) 6423 6642

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## Did You See That Report?

### Monthly Update

'*Did you see that report?*' is a monthly listing of recently released Australian reports, research and other items of interest to the AOD sector which are available online. This is a service provided by the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

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