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Sector Update

ATDC Conference 2014



The Program for the conference will be available shortly at the conference web site.

Please check the site for updates by [clicking here](#).

Dont forget that Early Bird registrations close 24 March 2014. [Click to register now](#).

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The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education New Grant Funding Round

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) has opened its newest grant funding round, the Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Funding Program (AODCP). The conference funding program enables individuals and organisations to apply for financial assistance to either help organise or attend conferences dealing with alcohol and drug issues.

This is a perfect opportunity to obtain assistance to attend the 2014 ATDC Conference.

Limited financial assistance is available to:

- support the running of conference and events in related areas (up to a maximum of \$10,000 ex GST);
- enable individuals supported by their employers to attend AOD themed conference to enhance their professional expertise (up to a maximum of \$2,000 ex GST).

Further information on the funding round including guidelines and application forms can be found by visiting FARE's website www.fare.org.au

The 2014 funding round opened on February 19, 2014 and will close on 19 March 2014.

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TasCOSS Job Opportunity

TasCOSS is seeking expressions of interest for a temporary, part-time Policy & Research Officer position for 3-4 months from 1 April 2014 in Hobart.

The position sits within the TasCOSS Policy & Research team and involves policy, research and advocacy work in the energy policy arena (2 days / week) and /or up to 2 days per week for general social policy, research and advocacy work.

TasCOSS is inviting expressions of interest for either or both parts of the position.

For enquiries, position descriptions or further information, contact Meg Webb, Manager, TasCOSS Policy &

Research, meg@tascoss.org.au or 6231 0755.

Please submit expressions of interest in writing (one page plus CV) to Meg Webb by close of business Wednesday 5 March 2014.

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Advocacy Tasmania – Change to Services and New Intake Process

Recent changes to Advocacy Tasmania's services and intake processes will enable better reach to assist those most vulnerable in the Tasmanian community.

To ensure a consistent approach to the processing of requests for advocacy assistance, the organisation has introduced a state-wide centralised intake process which replaces the old system of referrals being made through regional offices and individual advocates.

Central intake can be contacted on the organisation's toll free number; 1800 005 131. Fact sheets can be found online by [clicking here](#).

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Save the Date for Minimum ATOD Skills Consultations

The ATDC Position paper for Minimum ATOD Qualifications and Skills for the ATOD sector was released in October 2013.

We now seek your input regarding what is required for minimum ATOD skills for the range of positions in the ATOD sector.

We will also be seeking your feedback regarding proposed national changes to the ATOD competencies and qualifications.

Do not miss the opportunity to have your say!

Launceston: Tuesday 1 April 2014, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Burnie: Wednesday 2 April 2014, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Hobart: Friday 4 April 2014, 10:00am - 1:00pm

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Quit Tasmania Launch "Targetting Tobacco" Project



Quit Tasmania has launched the Targetting Tobacco project to look at ways of reducing smoking with a particular focus on clients accessing community services within Tasmania.

These clients have much higher rates of smoking compared with the general Australian smoking rate of around 18% (current and occasional).

Targeting Tobacco project officer, Carolyn Baker, has developed a survey for social and community service staff across Tasmania to complete.

The survey seeks to understand current smoking attitudes, organisational policies and practices in place throughout the sector. To complete the survey please [click here](#).

All staff, volunteers and Board members of sector organisations are invited to fill out the survey which takes 5 minutes to complete. Quite Tasmania also invite you to circulate the survey link so that they can gather the opinions of as many people in your organisation as possible.

Information from the survey will be used to develop quit smoking messages, information and resources that your organisation can use when working with clients interested in quitting.

For more information about the Targeting Tobacco Project and Survey, please contact Carolyn Baker at cbaker@quittas.org.au or phone 6242 8109.

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Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

Subsidised AOD Qualifications

There are still a few places available for:

- [CHC40412 Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs](#)
- [CHC50408 Diploma of Community Services \(Alcohol, other drugs and mental health\)](#)

Click on the above links for more information, costs and the expression of interest forms.

Act promptly to ensure your place.

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Understanding Pharmacotherapy - Presented by Dr David Jackson & Tina Goodman

This presentation will expand participants' understanding of pharmacotherapy, including:

- Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) drugs and how they work in the body;
- Use of OST in conjunction with other drugs;
- Physical and mental side effects of OST;
- Collaborative care of OST clients.

For more information about the presenters, [click here](#).

To Register [click here](#).

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Understanding the Neurobiology of Complex Trauma - Hobart 26 and 27 March 2014

This two day seminar will explore the most recent research on the impact of abuse related trauma on brain development, provide a framework for understanding the consequences of abuse for a

child's cognitive, social and emotional functioning and explore implications for practice.

For more information and to book online [click here](#).

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Helping You to Manage Older Adults with Complex Care Needs Who Display Behaviours of Concern

A full day session for professionals working with older adults with complex needs including drug and alcohol, dementia care, aged care, brain injury, homelessness or disability etc.

Date: 22 August 2014

Location: Hobart

Cost: \$250 inc GST

Presented by: Dr Alice Rota-Bartelink

For more information [click here](#).

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Did You See That Report?

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).

To view reports you may have missed please [click here](#) to go to the reports.

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