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## Consumer Engagement

### Tasmania's Own Drug User Organisation, TUHSL, is back

Tasmanian User Health and Support League (TUHSL) is a statewide, peer based consumer

**organisation, which strives to improve the health and social circumstances of substance users. TUHSL's uniqueness is its peer-based approach, which affords access to consumers, and information that other agencies find difficult to attain.**

First incorporated in 1997, TUHSL implemented peer education to prevent hepatitis C transmission amongst people who inject drugs in Hobart and developed the Taste magazine, written by substance users for substance users. After some time off the scene, TUHSL has re-emerged and with the election of a Board of Management in December 2013 is again working towards becoming an incorporated organisation aiming to:

- Reduce the harms and hazards (including overdose) amongst people associated with substance use in Tasmania
- Prevent transmission of hepatitis C, Hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS
- Address stigma and discrimination in relation to injecting drug use, opioid pharmacotherapy's and hepatitis C and other BBVs
- Provide practical support, education and advocacy for people who inject drugs and their families
- Be a credible, valuable resource to inform policy makers and service providers so that they better meet the needs of the people most in need of such services

Having a peak body, which can represent the interest of people who use drugs, will bring Tasmania inline with other Australian states and territories and provide significant progress towards successful harm reduction outcomes achieved nationally using peer-based health promotion strategies. TUHSL will also provide a centrally located source of peers to ensure services engage in credible consumer participation.

Contact TUHSL on 0437 280 302 or send email to [TUHSLTaste@gmail.com](mailto:TUHSLTaste@gmail.com)

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## Sector Update

### Partners in Recovery

Referrals for the *Partners in Recovery* program commenced on the 8 January 2014 for the North and the South of Tasmania.

Referrals for the North West will commence in a few weeks following staff commencement and training in those areas.

Please contact Julia Fasina, Area Manager, for more information - [juliaf@colony47.com.au](mailto:juliaf@colony47.com.au)

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### Positions Vacant: Crisis Accommodation Youth Workers - Casual Relief staff (call-in as required)

Youth, Family & Community Connections Inc. (formerly Youth and Family Focus Inc) is a North-West based not-for-profit community organisation that facilitates a range of services designed to support and assist youth, families and individuals in need to develop skills and opportunities to enable them to participate fully within the community.

Information about the position can be obtained by contacting the Team Leader, Shane Leonard on 6431 9230 or [shane.cci@eftel.net.au](mailto:shane.cci@eftel.net.au)

Application packages including position description and selection criteria can be obtained by emailing Anne Heath [anne@yaff.com.au](mailto:anne@yaff.com.au) or telephoning 0418 238 532.

Forward your completed application to Anne Heath, QHRI Manager - [anne@yaff.com.au](mailto:anne@yaff.com.au)

**Applications close at 5.00 pm on 31 January 2014. Applications received after that date will not be considered.**

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## **HESTA Community Sector Awards.**

**Make a nomination by 31 March 2014 at [communitysectorawards.com.au](http://communitysectorawards.com.au)**

Three great awards - three amazing prizes

Be part of the HESTA Community Sector Awards.

Visit [communitysectorawards.com.au](http://communitysectorawards.com.au) for more information.

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## **Scholarships for Institute of Company Directors NFP Governance Course, Closing 28 January 2014**

**The Tasmanian Division of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, together with Searson Buck and Hexagon, is offering three scholarships to attend its new Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors course, scheduled for Hobart in May 2014.**

Applications close on Tuesday 28 January 2014. The three scholarship winners will be determined following an interview process.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

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## **Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences**

### **Putting Together the Puzzle - ATDC Members only**

**Putting together the puzzle: meaningful engagement with people who use drugs**

This training will be provided for free for and is only available to ATDC MEMBERS.

#### **When:**

**Devonport** - Tuesday 4 February 2014

**Hobart** - Thursday 6 February 2014

#### **Where:**

**Devonport** - Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre

**Hobart** - Tasmanian Hockey Centre

**Register:** <https://puttingtogetherthepuzzle.eventbrite.com.au>

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## ATDC Training / Events - Cross Sector Bus Tours 2014

The ATDC will be hosting a cross sector bus tour in each region during February. These are always extremely popular events so please register now to avoid missing out.

### When:

**North West:** Tuesday 18 February 2014

**Launceston:** Wednesday 18 February

**Hobart:** Tuesday 25 February 2014 - **SOLD OUT!**

### Register:

**North West** - <https://northwestbustour14.eventbrite.com.au>

**Launceston** - <https://launcestonbustour14.eventbrite.com.au>

**Hobart** - this tour is now full, please add your name to the waiting list if you would like to attend

<https://hobartbustour14.eventbrite.com.au>

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## Understanding AOD Withdrawal

This presentation by Dr Noel Plumley and Nikolaas Jacometti will address matters relating to withdrawal for a range of substances in both clinical and community settings, including:

- **Developing a better understanding of:**
  - Models of withdrawal management
  - Screening and Assessment
  - Signs, symptoms and complications of withdrawal
  - Specialist management of different presentations
- **Building capacity in frontline services to provide client support**
  - Screening and referral
  - Clients presenting in withdrawal
  - Managing/supporting people on waiting lists for inpatient services

**Who:** All ATOD workers

**Where:** Hobart, or by videoconference link

**When:** 20 February 2014

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Cost:** Free

For more information, including details about videoconference links [click here](#).

To register [click here](#)

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## Case Management Unit at the University of Tasmania

The *Case Management* unit is being offered at undergraduate and graduate levels of study (HGA210/HGA310/HGA528) at the Sandy Bay campus of the University of Tasmania.

The unit will be run from 9:00am -3:00pm, Tuesdays fortnightly throughout Semester 1, 2014. This is an applied skills unit, and will feature presentations from speakers with extensive experience working in the field. For more information on this unit, please see the UTAS 2014 Course & Unit Handbook.

[Click here for online information.](#)

Current practitioners with experience in the field may apply to enrol in this unit, without having done the first year unit prerequisites. For more information on enrolment eligibility and choosing which level to enrol at, please contact UTAS Arts Student Central, phone (03) 6226 7814. For more information about the teaching and assessment content of the unit, please contact Hannah Graham, email

[Hannah.Graham@utas.edu.au](mailto:Hannah.Graham@utas.edu.au)

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## Professional Honours - Human Services Practice (HSP)

Commencing in April 2014, at the University of Tasmania's Hobart and Launceston campuses, with HECS fee waivers available, the first unit will be Professional Communication in Human Services.

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

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## Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop, Hobart 12 and 19 February

As part of the Social Determinants of Health and Health Risk Factors Project, Tasmania Medicare Local will be holding a two-day Bridges Out of Poverty workshop at Brighton on Wednesday 12 and Wednesday 19 February 2014.

International presenter Nairn Walker, of Social Solutions, will deliver the training, designed to equip practitioners with practical tools to assist Tasmanians affected by poverty and disadvantage.

Please [click here](#) for further information and registration details.

For inquiries, contact Fiona Price at [fprice@tasmedicarelocal.com.au](mailto:fprice@tasmedicarelocal.com.au) or by phone 6425 0800.

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## Mindfulness-Based Interventions with Children and Youth Facilitated by Dr Angela Dixon (Clinical Psychologist)

*Mindfulness-based Interventions with Children and Youth* facilitated by Dr Angela Dixon (Clinical Psychologist).

**Burnie** - Monday 17 February 2014 Rural Clinical School, Burnie (and videolinked to King Island, Flinders Island and Queenstown)

**Launceston** - Tuesday 18 February 2014, UTAS Newnham Campus, Launceston.

Cost: \$30 (no cost to remote video linked sites). Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided at Launceston and Burnie sites.

To Register: go to <https://www.dramatix.com.au/aaswtas> and click on the link on the right hand side to your preferred location. Details of locations can be found at Dramatix & on the AASW website

**Cancellation Policy:** 2 weeks notice needed for a full refund. Tickets may be transferred to another individual up to 24 hours beforehand by emailing [aaswtas@asw.asn.au](mailto:aaswtas@asw.asn.au)

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## Understanding the Neurobiology of Complex Trauma

The Australian Childhood Foundation is presenting this two day seminar. It 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.

Hobart - 26 and 27 March 2014

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

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## Social Leadership Australia Adaptive Leadership - An Introduction.

**Develop your ability to unlearn:** Brisbane: 18-21 March; Sydney: 8-11 April 2014.

Successful leaders never stop learning. Do you need a new toolkit to face current organisational challenges? If you're ready to embrace what you don't know and you want some practical leadership skills, consider applying for ***Social Leadership Australia's Adaptive Leadership - An Introduction.***

At Social Leadership Australia we know that in an increasingly complex world there are no longer any boundaries between organisations, communities, markets and the environment and seeks to develop leaders who can see beyond their "four walls" to the more adaptive challenges and opportunities that exist in the world.

This is a four-day residential program for leaders from across all sectors who are working with uncertainty and ambiguity to discover new ways to lead change.

Join 30 other professionals from private, corporate and government to learn the Adaptive Leadership framework and explore a different way of working. It will give you a roadmap for being a better leader and could be the solution you've been looking for.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Motivational Interviewing: Beyond the Basics

**Presented by: Chris Wagner, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University, USA & Joel Porter, PsyD, Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services.**

This two-day interactive workshop will focus on deepening MI knowledge and practice through discussion, observation, practice and feedback. This interactive and experiential workshop is ideal for people with previous training in Motivational Interviewing.

**Gold Coast:** 20 - 21 March 2014

**Canberra:** 13 - 14 March 2014

**Workshop fee:** \$350.00

Email [Lynn Springer](#) for more information about the events and registration.

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## Grants

### Grant Alerts

## 1. **Tasmanian Community Fund - Advance Notice**

Grant Round 28 (small and medium applications and large expression of interests) will open on 8 February 2014. Guidelines and links to application forms will be available on the website at [www.tascomfund.org](http://www.tascomfund.org)

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## 2. **James N Kirby Foundation**

Maximum Grant \$100,000

Closing Date 28 February 2014.

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## 3. **The Ian Potter Foundation**

Closes 25 February 2014 Grants of \$200,000 - \$500,000 for Building Communities or Effective Organisations.

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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).

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