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### Sector Update

#### ATDC Conference 2014 - Extension of Call for Abstracts

The closing date for the ATDC Conference Call for Abstracts has been extended to Friday 7 February 2014.

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

Registration for Submissions can be made online by [clicking here](#).

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## Early Bird Registrations for ATDC 2014 Conference Close 24 March

Early Bird registrations for the 2014 ATDC Conference will close 24 March 2014.

Take advantage of the Early Bird savings by [clicking here](#) to register.

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## Tasmanian Partnership Agreement Annual Report 2013

The Annual Report, "*Twelve Months on from the Tasmanian Partnership Agreement - Setting the Foundations for Working in Partnership*" is now online. Please visit the ATDC website by [clicking here](#) to download the report.

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## University of Tasmania Research: Pharmaceutical Opioid Use

The University of Tasmania, in conjunction with the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, is hoping to interview 150 people from the wider Hobart area who are using pharmaceutical opioids, either their own (prescribed) medication or someone else's.

This includes people who might be taking medications like Oxycontin, Endone, or other oxycodone formulations, MS Contin or other morphine formulations, Tramadol, Mersyndol, Nurofen Plus or Panadeine forte. Participants will complete three one-hour interviews over a 12-month period, with total reimbursement of \$140 for their time and travel expenses. Interviews are confidential and can be completed at a location and at a time that is convenient for participants. The study has been approved by the Ethics Review Committee (RPAH Zone) of the Sydney Local Health District and the Human Research Ethics Committee (Tasmania) Network (H0013648).

People who are seeking further information or who are interested in taking part in the research can contact the team by phone on 6226 6113, via SMS on 0401179495, or by email to [utasopioidstudy@gmail.com](mailto:utasopioidstudy@gmail.com)

Any assistance with recruitment is most welcome. If you or your organisation might be able to help out, please contact Amy Peacock (+61 3 6226 7458, [Amy.Peacock@utas.edu.au](mailto:Amy.Peacock@utas.edu.au)) or Associate Professor Raimondo Bruno (+61 3 6226 2240, [Raimondo.Bruno@utas.edu.au](mailto:Raimondo.Bruno@utas.edu.au)).

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## Proposed Changes to the Public Health Act 1997

The Tasmanian State Government plans to repeal the *HIV/AIDS Preventive Measures Act 1993* as it is discriminatory; has not kept pace with best clinical practice; is overly prescriptive; and has been superseded by other legislation.

As part of this legislative change the *Public Health Act 1997* will be amended to incorporate the necessary provisions regarding the Needle and Syringe Program (NSP). As part of the transitional arrangements following the repeal of the HIV Act all existing permit holders will be deemed as permit or certificate holders under the new Public Health Act provisions.

As part of the process the Department of Health and Human Services has prepared a Consultation Paper

as well as a "marked-up" version of the current *Public Health Act 1997*. Both of these documents are available on the Department's website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Written feedback and any comments must be provided to the Department by Friday 14 February 2014.

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## Quit Tasmania Launch the Targeting Tobacco Project

Community sector assistance is being sought in a project to reduce smoking rates among vulnerable groups. Quit Tasmania has launched the "Targeting Tobacco" project to look at ways of reducing smoking in Tasmania's vulnerable populations. The aim of the project is to provide community service organisations with the tools to support someone interested in quitting.

Vulnerable populations have much higher rates of smoking compared with the general Australian smoking rate of around 18%.

Smoking rates in vulnerable populations:

- 33% to 58% People who suffer with mental illness
- 44% to 73% People with drug and alcohol problems
- 46% Single mothers
- 47% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- 63% Vulnerable young people
- 77% Homeless people.

A survey designed to gauge smoking attitudes, organisational policies and practices in the community services sector will be launched shortly. If you wish to register your organisation to receive a survey, please contact Carolyn Baker on 6242 8109 or email [cbaker@quittas.org.au](mailto:cbaker@quittas.org.au)

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## Launch Invitation - Linking Rural Communities with E-Tools

Youth Family and Community Connections invites you to attend the launch of the "Linking Rural Communities with E-tools" project

**When and where:** Thursday 13 March 2014, 11:00am - 1:00pm at Pier01 Ulverstone

**RSVP:** on or before 3 March 2014, [nancy.cci@keypoint.com.au](mailto:nancy.cci@keypoint.com.au)

Canapes and refreshments provided.

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## Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

### Cross Sector Bus Tours 2014

The ATDC will be hosting a cross sector bus tour in each region during February. The Hobart bus tour is now fully booked. There is now 1 place remaining for the Launceston tour and 6 places for the North West tour. Register now!!

**North West:** Tuesday 18 February, North West - [click here to register](#)

**Launceston:** Wednesday 19 February, North - [click here to register](#)

**Hobart:** [Click here](#) to place your name on the waiting list for Tuesday 25 February

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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 & Assessment
  - Signs, symptoms & 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 in-patient services

**Who:** All ATOD workers

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

**When:** 20 February 2014, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Cost:** Free

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

**To register** please **[click here](#)**

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## ATDC & TasTAFE Successfully Partner to Attract Funding for AOD Training

Once again the ATDC is very pleased to advise the sector that we have been successful in our work with TasTAFE in attracting subsidies from the Skills Fund to enable existing workers to complete AOD skill sets and qualifications.

ATDC is still accepting expressions of interest for these places:

- **Skill sets in assessment, brief interventions or counselling** - we have negotiated with well-respected practitioners in our sector to deliver these
- **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, and forward your expression of interest promptly to ensure a place.

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## TCCI Sessions on Workplace Bullying, Hobart and Launceston

The new federal legislation regarding anti-bullying laws came into effect on 1 January 2014. This means employees can now make applications to the Fair Work Commission to deal with bullying in the workplace, without having to first raise the issue internally.

To assist employers to minimise the risk of a complaint, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is conducting sessions about bullying.

**Hobart:** Tuesday 4 February, 10:00am-12:00pm

**Launceston:** Wednesday 5 February, 10am-12pm

**Cost:** FREE for TCCI members, \$20 for non-members.

**For further information contact TCCI on 1300 559 122.**

RSVP to [admin@tcci.com.au](mailto:admin@tcci.com.au)

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## Equal Not Same: Towards LGBTI Inclusive Practice

This workshop will define clearly what is meant by inclusive practice for LGBTI people and put forward a rationale for the need for mainstream services to intentionally consider their responsiveness to LGTBI populations. The workshops will look at inclusiveness from the perspectives of: - Organisational Inclusiveness - Clinical Practice - Mental Health Promotion and Prevention Programmes

**Cost:** \$50 - Lunch supplied

**Online Registration and Information:** [www.lgbtihealth.org.au/mindouttraining](http://www.lgbtihealth.org.au/mindouttraining)

**Further information:** please phone Barry Taylor (02) 8568 1124.

**Email:** [barry.taylor@lgbtihealth.org.au](mailto:barry.taylor@lgbtihealth.org.au)

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## One Day Workshop - Prepare for the NDIS

One day workshop to assist organisations prepare for the National Disability Insurance Scheme with Peter Brinckerhoff

**Who:** CEOs, senior staff who report directly to CEOs, board members

**Where:** Hobart

**When:** Friday 28 February 2014

**Cost:** NDS Members: \$65; Non-Members: \$95

Please [click here](#) to register

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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.

**Date:** 22 August 2014

**Location:** Hobart

**Cost:** \$250.00 inc GST

**Presented by:** Dr Alice Rota-Bartelink.

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

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## Videoconference: Health-Promoting Cultural Change: Presentation, Discussion, and Reflection on Your Own Practice

**Guest speaker: Di Webb, Population Health, DHHS**

Tuesday 11 February, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Videoconference venues available:**

Burnie, Devonport, Latrobe, Smithton, Rosebery, Ulverstone, Zeehan, King Island, Launceston and Hobart. Other sites may be available by request.

**Register online:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7DX3PRM>

or contact [julie.milnes@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:julie.milnes@dhhs.tas.gov.au) or by phone 03 6421 7704.

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