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From the CEO's desk

The ATDC Comorbidity Symposium, "*Becoming complexity capable*", was held on 7 May, and with 150 delegates participating from across the State, we were encouraged to know that so many of our frontline workers are being supported to attend an event such as this. (I hope this is an indication of the value being seen in the capacity building work undertaken by the ATDC).

Right: A few of the delegates attending the 2013 ATDC Comorbidity Symposium held in Hobart on 7 May.



The program was designed to provide a range of perspectives on some of the key discussion points we face every day in our work. It would be hard to pick up any publication on the nature of dependence, and the context of drug use these days, and not find reference to the social determinants of health. Our first speaker for the day, Miriam Herzfeld, is the facilitator of Tasmania's Social Determinant of Health Advocacy Network and whilst she reminded us of the link between disadvantage and alcohol and drug related harm, the question many of us were left with was, "so what can I do about that?"

It can seem that the structures of our society that perpetuate inequality and disadvantage are impervious to our efforts, but perhaps we underestimate the potential for small actions to make a difference.

Recently the Tasmanian Parliament commenced a Joint Select Committee Inquiry into Preventative Health Care with terms of reference that acknowledge the need to examine, among other things, structural and economic reform to promote integration of preventative approaches to health and wellbeing. The ATDC has made a submission to this Inquiry as we will continue to voice the view that it is unacceptable to continue underinvestment, and non-recurrent investment, in alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services when we know the morbidity and mortality associated with alcohol, tobacco and drug use is preventable.

Our other fine presenters at the Symposium included Professor Iain McGregor from the University of Sydney who took us into the realms of pharmaceuticals and some of the new emerging psychoactive drugs, and Carolyn Curtis from the Australian Centre for Social Innovation who provided some inspirational stories from families in South Australia who have thrived as a result of a program created by co-design, called ***Family by Family***.

Most of us shudder as we hear about yet another "reform" within any sector, as it not only heightens our alert for the potential cuts to funding and services, but also the changes to processes, providers and moving into uncharted territory. So it was to explore some of these issues that the panel session of people working in the housing and homelessness services in Tasmania took to the stage. Although we know there will be significant changes unfolding on 1 July 2013, it was clear from the discussion that there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure a seamless transition, so together with our colleagues from Shelter Tas, the ATDC will aim to stay informed where any implications might exist for the ATOD sector and our consumers.

The final session, facilitated by Callan Paske really took us to the brave new world of social media and it is with great enthusiasm that we are looking forward to the creation of a Social Media Community of Practice for the ATOD sector. If you are interested in joining us please contact Amanda on 03 6231 5002.

Looking forward to seeing you during Drug Action Week and don't forget to get your tickets early for the only Tasmanian screening of ***The House I Live In*** on Wednesday 19 June.

Until next time,

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Community Engagement

A Night at the Movies - "The House I Live In



THE HOUSE I LIVE IN

"YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THE GRIPPING NEW FILM ABOUT THE WAR ON DRUGS"

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The war on drugs has never been about drugs



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For one night only, the ATDC Presents a screening of the gripping and compelling new film "*The House I Live In*".

The documentary film, produced by Eugene Jarecki tackles the issue of the War on Drugs in the United States.

Don't miss your opportunity to see this highly acclaimed Sundance winner for one night only in Hobart, presented as part of Drug Action Week 2013.

You need to purchase tickets from the cinema. They are only \$5.00. Phone the cinema to book your ticket now: 03 6234 6318.

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Drug Action Week Update

Have you come up with an idea for a Drug Action Week Activity?

There are so many ideas out there for great DAW events such as, hosting a BBQ, opening your service to friends and family of service users, organising a training day for staff etc. Be creative! [Register your event now on the DAW website.](#)

FILM SCREENING

The ATDC will be hosting the first Tasmanian screening of "The House I Live In", a documentary about the war on drugs in America and the implications of US drug policy.

[Click here to view the trailer.](#) The screening will be on Wednesday 19 June, stay tuned for more information. Contact Ella for more information by email: ellah@atdc.org.au

ATOD AWARDS

The Tasmanian ATOD Awards ceremony will be held during Drug Action Week. The afternoon tea will see each of the award recipients announced and recognised for their contributions to the Tasmanian ATOD sector. For more information or to nominate someone for one of these awards contact Lynne by email: lynnem@atdc.org.au

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Consumer Engagement Survey Results Are In

The results are in for the Consumer Engagement Survey.

In general, an overall increase of knowledge, importance, quality and level of Consumer Engagement in the last 2 years was reported by respondents.

Some of the exciting developments include;

- consumers on committees,
- consumer participation at board level,
- resource development contribution,
- project development consultation,
- policy implementation,
- improved website,
- provision of incentives encouraging participation,
- Drug Action Week activities,
- client feedback improvements,
- surveys,
- charter of rights development, and
- focus groups.

The three top priorities for Advocacy Tasmania's Consumer Engagement Program were thought to be:

- Consumer Engagement Training for Service Providers,
- supporting the Development of a Tasmanian Consumer Organisation, and
- Facilitating Consumer Input into Systemic Policy and Procedure.

A big thanks to everyone who participated, your feedback will be used to guide the direction of the program. A full report will be compiled and distributed to the sector in due course.

Tanya Zollner

Consumer Engagement Officer

Advocacy Tasmania

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Tasmanian Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Awards

The ATDC invites you to identify, acknowledge and celebrate a colleague, whose professionalism and outstanding practice deserves recognition and reward, by nominating them for the 2013 Tasmanian Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Awards.

Awards will be presented at an afternoon tea on 17 June in The Long Room, Parliament House in the categories of:

- Excellence in Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Work
- Early Career
- Outstanding Contributions
- Emerging Researcher Award

[Click here for the Awards Nomination Package](#)

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Sector Update

Phoenix Centre Relocation

The Phoenix Centre is a program area within the Hobart Migrant Resource Centre offering specialist services including:

- counselling
- advocacy
- community development programs
- natural therapies for survivors of torture and trauma.

The Phoenix Centre has moved and is now located at level 2, 114-116 Bathurst Street, Hobart

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www.mrchobart.org.au/Phoenix/Phoenix.html

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Workforce Development

New Position at AIVL: Team Leader - Hepatitis C & Other BBVs/STIs Program

Would you like to work for an established and dynamic national organisation committed to improving the health and human rights of people who use/have used illicit drugs? If you answered "yes", then read on about an exciting new opportunity at AIVL - the Australian Injecting & Illicit

Drug Users League. We are looking for someone with great team leadership skills and a commitment to making a real difference to the lives of people who use illicit drugs and those in drug treatment.

AIVL is the peak national organisation representing people who use or have used illicit drugs. We currently operate a National Hepatitis C & Other BBVs/STIs Program primarily aimed at the prevention and treatment of hepatitis C and other blood borne viruses such as HIV and hepatitis B among people who inject drugs.

The newly created Team Leader position is based at the AIVL national office in Canberra. It is a full time position for 37.5 hours per week. The Team Leader will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of projects and activities within the AIVL Hepatitis C & Other BBVs/STIs Program including providing support and supervision to program staff. A salary of \$65,000 p.a. plus superannuation is available for the position. Salary packaging is negotiable and other generous terms and conditions of employment are available.

As a peer-based organisation, AIVL strongly encourages people with personal experience of the issues the organisation represents to apply for this position.

Applicants MUST address all key selection criteria in their applications to be considered for interview. Application packs can be obtained from the [AIVL website by clicking here](#) or by contacting Annie Madden, AIVL Executive Officer on ph: (02) 6279 1600 or email: anniem@aivl.org.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 5.30PM ON MONDAY 27 MAY 2013.

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Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

ATDC Training - Reflective Practice

Expand your knowledge and skills to better evaluate your own work, continue self development and participate in effective supervision within your ethical frameworks.

This course will:

- Build your skills in self-evaluating and receiving feedback about your work practices, to assist you with continual improvement;
- Enhance awareness of, and your access to, support networks;

- Increase your ability to identify your professional development needs and access appropriate mechanisms to achieve them;
- Build awareness of your own and your organisational ethical frameworks and their impact upon your work with clients;
- Achieve one unit towards the Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)

This training is funded by the Skills Fund and covers the skills and knowledge defined in the nationally recognised unit of competence CHCORG428A: Reflect on and improve own professional practice. Those registering will be required to complete the assessment for this unit.

[Click here to access the registration form](#)

	Devonport	Hobart
Reflective Practice	22 May 2013	26 June 2013

Cost: \$43.10 (payable to the Skills Institute upon receipt of invoice)

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Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Skill Sets

The Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tas Inc, in conjunction with The Skills Institute, has been successful in its submission for funding to offer a limited number of places in the following skill sets for existing workers. Expressions of interest may be submitted [using the form here](#). Please email the completed form to [Lynne Maher](#).

	Hobart	Devonport
Reflect on and improve own practice	26 June 2013	22 May 2013
Translating research into practice	13 November 2013with videolink to other areas	
Relapse prevention	25 September 2013	19 September 2013
Community focused promotion and prevention strategies	14 August 2013	24 July 2013

As fewer places for both skill sets and qualifications for have been funded than we anticipated, priority will be given to members from ATDC organisations whose client practice will be improved through participation in this subsidised training.

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ATOD Clients & Trauma Training

Results from the ATDC workforce survey have indicated a strong need for training in working with ATOD clients who have experienced trauma.

We have the following scheduled:



	Hobart	Launceston	Burnie
Crying on the inside: How to help AOD clients who have experienced trauma	3rd June 9am - 5pm	5th June 9am - 5pm	6th June 9am - 5pm

Click on the dates for more details and the link to register and pay by credit card.

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Time to register for the Tasmanian Youth Conference!

TYC is only three weeks away and it is time to register to attend.

To register [click here](#).

We have planned a massive conference program with sessions for the sector, sessions for young people, and sessions for young people/sector together.

The program will be out later this week and includes sessions on:

- Financial literacy
- Engaging young people online
- Mental Health tools for young people
- Fetal Alcohol
- STIs
- Youth Ethics in Practice
- Education policy and the impact on disadvantaged young people
- Youth justice policy
- Young parents
- Relationships education
- Settlement challenges for young CALD youth
- Suicide prevention
- The professionalisation of youth work
- Binge drinking
- Anti-social behaviour policy development
- LGBTI young people
- Engaging the iGeneration
- Meaningful youth participation
- Young carers
- Disability policy and advocacy
- Body image

And more....

Part of the program also includes an **OpShop Ball** on the evening of 29 May, which features music, an evening meal and the opportunity to get to know fellow conference attendees.

For more information on TYC and for frequently asked questions visit: <http://www.ynot.org.au/tyc13>

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Did You See That Report?

Not for Human Consumption

New recreational drugs are emerging at an unprecedented rate and represent one of the biggest challenges in the alcohol and other drug field for 2013. In this issue of *Prevention Research*, Stephen Bright asks the question, 'Are new and emerging drugs a public health crisis waiting to happen?' and looks at how clinicians, allied health and youth workers, researchers and policy makers can respond.

[Click here to read the online report.](#)

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