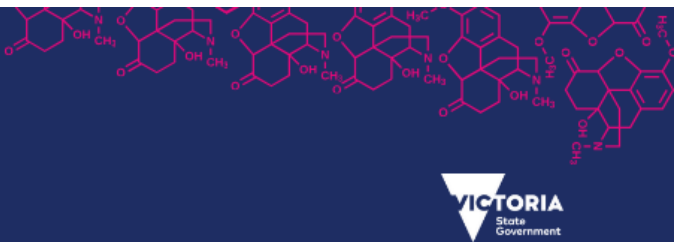


VICTORIAN AOD SERVICE PROVIDERS CONFERENCE

Inspiring Change: Excellence in AOD Treatment and Harm Reduction

Catholic Leadership Centre
17 June 2024 8:00am
576 Victoria Pde East Melbourne
[Online: Zoom](#) | In-person



Registration & Networking Breakfast (Pre-function area)				8:00 - 8:45
Opening Plenary Celtic Hall	MC: Professor Kate Seear Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University			
	Introduction: Kate Seear Welcome to Country: Alex Kerr, Wurundjeri			8:45 - 9:00
	Welcome from the Hon. Ingrid Stitt MP, Minister for Mental Health, Ageing & Multicultural Affairs			9:00 - 9:15
	What’s needed from a Victorian AOD Strategy? – Chris Christoforou, CEO VAADA			9:15 - 9:35
	Lived and living experience workforce, leadership and partnership - Initiatives for 2024 and beyond Clare Davies, CEO, SHARC & Emma Cadogan, Manager, Lived Experience Policy, Mental Health Division, Department of Health			9:35 - 9:55
	National Peer Workforce Framework - Ele Morrison, Director of Advocacy, AIVL			9:55 - 10:15
Morning Tea (Pre-Function Space and Simmonds Hall)				10:15 - 10:55
Keynote Presentations Celtic Hall	The Prevalence and Treatment of Mental Health Conditions in the AOD Sector - Nich Rogers, Cleugh Consulting			11:00 - 11:20
	Not Just Antabuse – CAPA: Community Access to Pharmacotherapy for Alcohol - Dr Paul McCartney & Dr Dean Membrey, Addiction Medicine Specialists, cohealth			11:20 - 12:00
Change Rooms				12:00 - 12:10
Breakout Session 1				
Contemporary Treatment Research MC: Dr James Petty Celtic Hall	Harm Reduction Excellence MC: Nadia Gavin Dining A	Clinical Excellence MC: Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones Dining B	Access & Equity MC: Chris McDonnell Dining C	12:10 - 12:50
Evaluation of an online relationship program to enhance outcomes for people in residential AOD treatment Stefan Gruenert, CEO, Odyssey House Victoria & Prof. Gery Karantzas, School of Psychology, Faculty of Health, Deakin University	Highlights of the Harm Reduction Masterclass Jane Dicka & Brit Chapman, Harm Reduction Victoria	Q and A session about withdrawal and treatment from the hospital to the community Dr Tony Bolton, Austin Health Jo Colvin, Nurse Practitioner, LCHS Patricia Green, Nurse Practitioner RMH, VAHS	Stronger Sisters & Bunjilwarra Koori Youth AOD Healing Service: developing agency and healing in a cultural context Brooke Clifford, Stronger Sisters Camp co-designer Camp Lead & Stronger Youth Family Violence Project Co-ordinator, Bunjilwarra Carla Lauch, Stronger Sisters Camp co-designer Camp Cultural Lead & Care recovery worker, Bunjilwarra	
Trialling a “shared care” pharmacotherapy model with local GPs and pharmacists Kirsty Morgan, AOD Educator/ AOD Project Coordinator Dr Ali Cheetham, Research Fellow, Clinical & Social Research Team, Turning Point & Monash University			Client-centred practice: challenges and directions Tye Hammersley, Support Worker Galiamble Men’s Recovery Centre Dr Greg Smith, Narrative Practitioner	
Lunch (Pre-Function Space and Simmonds)				
12:50 - 1:30				
Breakout Session 2				
Clinical Excellence MC: Gillian Clarke Celtic Hall + <u>Online</u> *	Harm Reduction Excellence MC: Nadia Gavin Dining A	Contemporary Treatment Research MC: Scott Drummond Dining B	Access & Equity MC: Esther Toomey Dining C	1:30 - 2:10
Illicit drug dependence, abuse and treatment relating to GHB, novel opioids, ketamine and nitrous oxide Dr David Jacka, Addiction Medicine, Monash Health	Peer Work - This is why! Practice for improving service accessibility Christian Vega & Amelia Berg, Harm Reduction Victoria	Young people returning to alcohol and other drug services; new goals and incremental gains Gabriel Caluzzi & Sarah Maclean, La Trobe University	Bicultural Workers - Building bridges with multicultural communities Jasmine Phillips, Bi-Cultural Program Lead, cohealth, Vanbawi Thawng, Bicultural Worker, cohealth	
Change Rooms				2:10 - 2:15
Closing Plenary Celtic Hall	The increasing prevalence and harms of new synthetic drugs - Dr Dimitri Gerostamoulos, Head of Forensic Science and Chief Toxicologist, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM)			2:15 - 2:55
Conference Close				3:00