

Rights, voice, community: Peers as Educators

NAAA Peers and Consumers Forum

Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street Surry Hills

Day 1: 3 September 2019

Time	Session Title and Speakers		
8.00 – 9.00	Registration, breakfast, meet and greet		
9.00 – 9:15	Forum opening Welcome to Country		
9.15 - 9.30	Special Guest: Dr. Kerry Chant, NSW Chief Health Officer		
9.30 - 10.15	Keynote speakers and conference theme: Peers as Teachers – what can we learn from our community?		
10.15 – 10:45	Morning Tea		
10.45 – 12:15 Concurrent	<p>Rethinking recovery: <i>Recovery tends to be narrowly defined around an abstinence model. How can we make this concept more inclusive of our diverse stories?</i> Room Auditorium</p>	<p>The unique role of peer workers: <i>Peers hold a unique space within the community and within mainstream services. What makes our work unique and effective? How do we better support peers?</i> Room 3 Level 1</p>	<p>Police State? Your rights, drug use and surveillance: <i>Sniffer dogs, roadside tests, drug testing at work, OTP clinics, social media, phones – what are your rights and how do you protect them?</i> Room 2 Level 1</p>
12.15 – 1:15	Lunch		
1.15 – 2.45 Concurrent	<p>Practical peer skills in addressing stigma: <i>People who use drugs regularly encounter judgement and stigma, including internalised stigma. How do we manage the judgement we encounter when seeking services? How do we promote a positive, healthy community?</i> Room Auditorium</p>	<p>Roles of peers in reducing the incidence and prevalence of HCV. <i>What are effective models of community-based Peer support? How can we use the push to eliminate hepatitis C to empower the community?</i> Room 3 Level 1</p>	<p>Psychedelics - ancient medicine as modern treatments for pain: <i>Peer perspectives on the emerging potential of psychedelic drugs to treat depression, anxiety, PTSD, and trauma draws parallels to the ancient applications of these substances as mechanisms for spiritual and emotional growth.</i> Room 2 Level 1</p>
2.45 - 3.15	Afternoon Tea		
3.15 - 4.45	<p>Panel discussion: First nations workshop – How do we build the Aboriginal peer workforce? Room Auditorium</p>		
4.45	Close Day 1		

Day 2: 4 September 2019

Time	Session Title and Speakers		
8.00 – 9.00	Registration, breakfast, meet and greet		
9.00 - 9.10	Forum opening		
9.10 -10.00	Keynote Speaker: Peers and Research		
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Tea		
10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent	<p>Been in green <i>Is it possible to thrive inside? Peers face additional challenges entering and leaving prison. What are the risks and how can they be managed?</i> Room Auditorium</p>	<p>Peers in research <i>How is research strengthened by empowering peers? What structural barriers are there to increasing peer involvement in research? How do we overcome them?</i> Room 3 Level 1</p>	<p>Stories from CALD communities. <i>Drug use is common within the culturally diverse communities in Australia. What are the challenges facing CALD communities accessing harm reduction and treatment services?</i> Heritage Room</p>
12.00 – 1.00	Lunch		
1.00 – 2.30 Concurrent	<p>Drug use and body image in LGBTIQa culture <i>People who identify as sexuality and gender diverse solve body image issues in so many ways. Sometimes that solution is drugs. Let's discuss sexuality and gender diverse body exploration as we navigate our way to being comfortable in our skin.</i> Room Auditorium</p>	<p>Old People do take Drugs! <i>What changes when you are over 50 and use drugs? What challenges do we face as an older drug user?</i> Room 3 Level 1</p>	<p>Drug use and your professional self <i>People from all professional backgrounds use drugs, how do we navigate beginning or developing careers? What boundaries do we need to consider, and what strategies can we use to look after and honour our congruent identities as both a drug user and a professional?</i> Heritage Room</p>
2.30 – 3.00	Afternoon team		
3.00 -16.30	<p>Panel Discussion: Disclosure- a call to arms <i>Our most powerful weapon in winning the war on drugs is ourselves – the solidarity that comes from community identification. What are the pitfalls and benefits of publicly disclosing your drug use?</i> Room Auditorium</p>		
16.30 –5.00	Forum Summary and Close		