Workshop 3 The culture of prevention: hepatitis C among people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Wednesday 8 December 10.00am–3.30pm
Galleries 1 & 2, The John Niland Scientia, University of New South Wales

Introduction to the workshop

People from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds are priority groups in NSW and in national hepatitis C strategies. However, there are few consolidated hepatitis C prevention programs targeting people from these backgrounds. As NSW Health prepares for a new hepatitis C strategy, it is timely to consider opportunities for dedicated and mainstream services to meet challenges in this area. In this workshop, the epidemiological research underpinning these responses will be explored. Further, speakers and delegates will be asked to consider the broader social and cultural factors influencing the implementation and success of prevention programs in working within a range of communities.

Aims of the workshop

The focus of this workshop is on people from CALD backgrounds who inject drugs and are therefore at risk of hepatitis C and those who may transition to injecting. Within this context, the we aim to:
- examine the existing epidemiological and social research and the insights from these for informing service provision
- explore tailored prevention responses
- consider broader social and cultural understandings of health and risk

Delegate Profile: who should attend

Harm minimisation workers, HARP managers, HIV and related program planning and delivery, community-based organisations, primary and secondary NSPs, researchers, youth health services, supported accommodation services, Justice Health, Corrective Services NSW, Juvenile Justice, and drug health services. This workshop will be relevant to workers who are new to the area, those who want to reflect on their ongoing practice and those in either generalist or specialist services.

Keynote speakers

Dr Peter Higgs NHMRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research; President of Hepatitis C Victoria the peak advocacy body for people infected and affected by hepatitis C in Victoria.

Professor Lisa Maher Head of Viral Hepatitis Epidemiology and Prevention Program, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, and NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of Medicine, the University of New South Wales.

Dr Naomi Ngo Manager, Multicultural Health and Support Service; Member of the National Hepatitis B Alliance and the Victorian Hepatitis B Alliance and board member of Hepatitis C Victoria.

Panellists

Carla Calvette Health Education Officer, Harm Reduction Program, Liverpool, Drug Health Services, Sydney South West Area Health Services

Sione Crawford Community Programs & Services Manager, NSW Users and AIDS Association Inc

Gary Gahan Coordinator, Harm Minimisation & Hepatitis C Programs, HIV/AIDS & Related Programs Unit, South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service

Tadgh McMahon Manager, Multicultural HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Service

Rebecca Miers Outreach Officer, Sex Workers Outreach Program, ACON

Thanh Van Nguyen Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre; President of the Vietnamese Community in Australia (NSW Chapter).

Facilitator

Norman Booker is an independent consultant working in the fields of planning and evaluation, change management, facilitation and professional learning and has been involved with Consortium Workshops since their inception.

Cost

There is a registration fee of $110 (GST inc.) per person.

Registration

Registrations are now open and close on Tuesday 30 November 2010. If you have any queries please contact Ann Whitelaw by email (a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au) or by telephone (02 9385 6776).

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Numbers are limited and delegates will be registered on a first-come first-served basis.

The Workshop begins at 10.00am and registration opens at 9.00am with morning tea being served from 9.30am. As we have a very full program it is vital that you arrive early, ready to start promptly at 10.00am. Lunch is provided and the workshop ends around 3.00pm when afternoon tea is served.

The workshop venue can be found at map reference G19 on the Kensington campus map


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