

RESEARCH SEEDING GRANTS PROGRAM LAUNCH

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Program

9.00am	Registration
9.30am	Welcome Deb Tipper - Project Officer - Research Network
9.45am	Seeding Grants Program Launch Larry Pierce - CEO, NADA
10.00-10.45am	About the Seeding Grants - Presentations - Examples - Questions from the floor Deb Tipper - Project Officer - Research Network
10.45-11.05am	Morning tea
11.05-1.00pm	Workshop - From Ideas to Action: Developing Your Research Proposal Associate Professor Susan Goodwin - SPR Network, University of Sydney
1.00-1.10pm	Wrap up and evaluation
1.10-2.00pm	Light lunch and networking session
2.00pm	Finish



The Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network is a collaborative project between Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NADA) and Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC)

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Speakers

Larry Pierce - CEO, Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NADA)

Larry has served as the CEO of NADA for the past nine years. He comes from a background in drug and alcohol service provision in Queensland in the 1980s and 1990s and has also had extensive experience in the public sector in HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C public health programs both in Queensland and the Commonwealth health departments. Larry sits on the NSW Drug and Alcohol Council and the NSW Health NGO Advisory Committee, representing and advocating for NGO interests with NSW Health.

Susan Goodwin - SPR Network, University of Sydney

Susan Goodwin is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Sydney. Her research focuses on gender, social policy, community capacity building and NGO social policy knowledge production. She is co-author of *The Sociological Bent: inside metro culture and Social Policy for Social Change* and co-editor of *The Good Mother: Contemporary motherhoods in Australia and Schools, Communities and Social Inclusion*. Her current research projects concern participatory community capacity building in social housing neighbourhoods and place-based learning and community engagement opportunities for people who are homeless. She is a member of the University of Sydney Social Policy Research Network and the University of Sydney Social Justice Project.

Workshop - From Ideas to Action: Developing Your Research Proposal

In the workshop, Sue Goodwin will outline:

- The *overall purpose of the proposed research*: what is the 'problem' the research seeks to address?
- Developing a clearly focussed research question/hypothesis
- Developing clear aims and objectives
- Developing research skills
- Developing an awareness of key research that has already been carried out
- Finding and approaching an academic research partner

Deb Tipper - Project Officer, Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network

In February 2012 Deb Tipper took up the position of Project Officer for the CHMHDN Research Network, a collaborative project between NADA and MHCC. Deb has a long history of working in the NGO sector across NSW, in Sydney and particularly on the NSW Central Coast where she has lived for over 20 years. Much of her work has been focussed on organisational and community development, consultation and evaluation, program management and bringing people together to develop and work towards shared visions

