

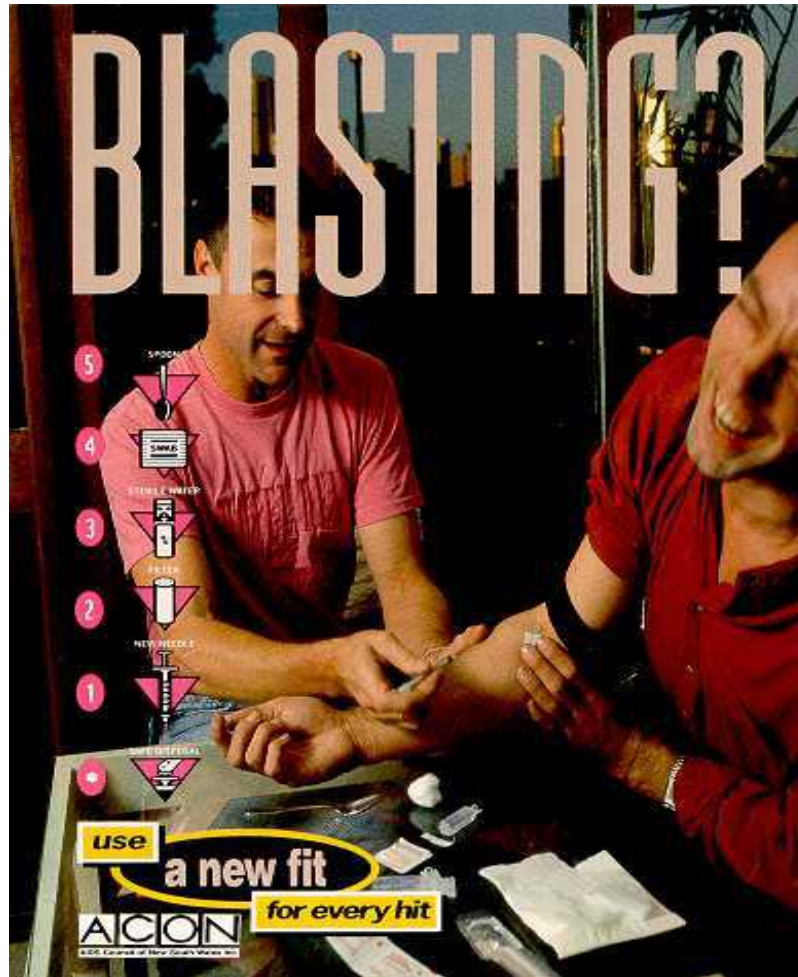
Injecting and Other Drug Use Project



**Responding to the Increasing Complexities of,
Needle Syringe Program Clients.**

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Injecting and Other Drug use Project

ACON Injecting Resource 1993



ACON DRUG STRATEGY

2002 - 2005

Improve services for clients with Alcohol and Other Drug issues

- Relocation of NSP from Reception to it's own space
- Aim of providing better services to people who use drugs intravenously
- Focus on hepatitis C infection info
- Generate more discussion on best practise techniques

ACON Injecting Resource 1993



ACON Injecting and Other Drug Use Project 2002

- Creation of separate Needle and Syringe Program away from Reception
- Participation in formulation of ACON Drug Strategy
- Increased staffing and Drug Projects extended to accommodate new and improved NSP

NSP Service Review 2002

○ SERVICE PROVISION

- Physical location and set-up
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Legal Issues
- Intoxication and aggressive behaviour in service users
- Roles and responsibilities

NSP Service Review 2002

○ SERVICE PROVISION

○ Engaging service users

○ Resources & Stock

○ Evaluation of service provision

○ Targeting

NSP Service Review 2002

- Use of ACON Toilets for Injecting
 - Access
 - Monitoring
 - Mixed messages
 - Walk-ins
 - Emergencies

NSP Service Review 2002

- Recommendations
- Policies and Procedures
- Training
- Physical location and set-up
- Support information

NSP Service Review 2002

- Role and responsibilities
- Reception area staffing levels
- Engaging with service users
- Resources & Stock
- Evaluation of service provision
- Targeting
- Toilets: Access, Monitoring, Mixed messages, Walk-ins, Emergencies

NSP Service Review 2002

- ACON NSP Service user Satisfaction Survey conducted begun 2003
- Sampled clients over a three month period, but ongoing
- Identified service user demographics and patterns of drug use
- Findings so far have led to changes in service delivery

ACON NSP Ad 2003

Whether you inject regularly or occasionally

ACON has a new private and confidential space for people to access clean injecting equipment

This service provides:
clean flla
water, swabs and cotton
safe disposal of used equipment
condoms and lube

The new NSP is located inside
the ACON foyer at
8 Commonwealth Street
Sunny Hills
ph: 9308 2052
Opening hours 10-5 Mon-Fri

ACON can also offer referrals for detox, counseling, PEP, rehab and other related services. As well as information resources on HIV, Hepatitis C, vein care, and other relevant issues.

safe injecting reduces the risks for HIV and Hepatitis C

Evaluation of initial Service user Satisfaction Survey 2003- 6wks

- Immediate access to ACON Treatments for many clients with complex HIV medication queries around conflicting recreational drug use patterns
- Public face to ACON's IODU Project, leading to increased discussion in the community and in house.

Evaluation Of initial Service user Satisfaction Survey 2003- 6wks

- Critical Incident Policy developed to deal with incidents immediately
- Many at risk clients placed within other AOD drug services that day
- Relationships with NUAA, Hep C Council and Kirketon Rd Centre, fostered shared info and handling of complex Injecting issues concerning ACON NSP clients

Evaluation Of initial Service user Satisfaction Survey 2003- 6wks

- New to ACON services Gay men learnt about HIV Living Health promotion programs
- Stronger relationship built with ACON counselling- immediate client access to counselling AOD issues

ACON NSP Service user Satisfaction Survey 2003 6-wks

- **Staff are friendly and helpful: not well answered.**
- **Always: 66** **Mostly: 8**
 Occasionally: 0 **Rarely: 0**
- **Can approach staff for information and referrals:**
- **Always: 64** **Mostly: 4**
 Occasionally: 4 **Rarely: 0**

ACON NSP Service user Satisfaction Survey 2003 6-wks

- **Comfortable accessing with other clients around: not well answered**
- **Always: 45** **Mostly: 22**
 Occasionally: 5 **Rarely: 4**
- **Can approach staff about my injecting issues or problems**
- **Always: 56** **Mostly: 10**
 Occasionally: 4 **Rarely: 6**

PEP awareness group Resource 2003

**Just shared
injecting equipment?**

HIV is still around. Sharing could put you at risk.
THERE'S A TREATMENT CALLED PEP THAT MIGHT
STOP YOU GETTING INFECTED - IF YOU ACT FAST*

**ACT
NOW!**

**PEP is most effective if started within a few
hours and no later than 3 days after sharing.*

PEP is available from:

DOCTORS WHO PRESCRIBE HIV DRUGS
SEXUAL HEALTH CENTRES
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

CALL THE PEP 24 HOUR HOTLINE

1800 737 669

1800 PEP NOW

For more information and your nearest location

AN INFORMATION BROCHURE ABOUT PEP IS AVAILABLE AT NUAA, SWOP,
SEXUAL HEALTH CENTRES, NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAMS OR WWW.ACON.ORG.AU

ACON NSP Service Satisfaction user Survey 2004 6-wks

- **Second Service user Satisfaction Survey was implemented for further six weeks in April-May 2004 to ascertain any trends in Gender sexuality and Drug Preferences.**

ACON NSP Service Satisfaction user Survey 2004

6-wks

○ Age range:

○ 15-19	19
○ 20-24	16
○ 25-29	21
○ 30-34	12
○ 35-39	14
○ 40 +	20

ACON NSP Service user Satisfaction Survey 2004

6-wks

○ Gender and Identity

○ Male: 61 Female: 31 Transgender: 2

○ Gay: 2 Lesbian: 10 Heterosexual: 45

○ Queer: 7 Bisexual: 9 Transgender: 2

○ Other: Bogan:

○ Asexual/Not sure: 2

ACON NSP Service user Satisfaction Survey 2004 6-weeks

○ Drug Use Patterns

○ Heroin:	66	Injected:	66
○ Speed:	34	Injected:	30
○ Crystal/Ice:	29	Injected:	29
○ Cocaine:	28	Injected:	27
○ Steroids:	6	Injected:	6
○ Pills:	25	Injected:	10
○ Special K:	6	Injected:	6

ACON Injecting Drug Resource 2003- HIV and HCV Co-infection

EXPOSE THE MYTH

WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE FIT BUT WE CAN SHARE IT.

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A JUNKIE, I SHOULD BE SAFE.

Assumptions about someone's **HIV** or **Hep C** status on the way they look may be incorrect.

Never share fits.
Be responsible for your own injecting equipment including fits, swabs, water, spoons and cornicquets.

You can get free injecting equipment from needle and syringe outlets and some pharmacies.

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(01) 708 2000 or www.acon.org.au

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ACON NSP Service user Satisfaction Survey 2004 6-wks

- **Other Equipment accessed**
- **Condoms and Lube: 30**
- **2.5ml/5.0ml barrels: 20**
- **Pill Filters: 10**
- **21-25 gauge picks: 20**
- **Extra water and swabs: 14**
- **Other: filters, tourniquet, information resources**

ACON- Party Volunteers and Drug Rovers



NSP Outreach to major Gay and Lesbian Dance Parties

- Focus on provision of clean injecting equipment and safe disposal units in toilets
- Rights and specific health concerns of HIV+ and HCV+ people who inject drugs, priority of service
- Party presence representative of unique relationship New Mardi Gras, Community and ACON

NSP Outreach to major Gay and Lesbian Dance Parties

- Volunteers recruited amongst community & peer groups
- Booth service is a fun shared ACON project initiative underpinned by Harm Minimisation strategies
- Access to outreach NSP fluctuates alongside community injecting trends
- Injecting equipment dispensed has increased with the popularity of Methamphetamines as a party drug

ACON- Booth Junkies, Safe Sex Sluts, and Drug Rovers



ACON Booth Service Poster

come & say hello & get your!
safe injecting equipment

FUCK STUFF

for naughty boys & girls

condoms & lube & latex
tampons & pads bandaids
& safety pins cruise cards & lollies
all night long...

ACON Drug Rovers

- Sleaze Ball 2003 ACON and New Mardi Gras, Drug Rover response
- Harm Minimisation strategy in direct response to GHB OD's
- ACON Drug Rovers educated around popular drugs and GHB potential OD what to look for
- Skills developed to engage with out of it folks
- Assess & understand/confidentiality

ACON Drug Rovers

- Upto 40 ACON Drug Rovers at the large parties and 5 smaller parties
- Rovers present from all night long!
- Rovers work as team locating at risk folks and calling for medical team with headset
- Approach in line with safe sex & safe party messages ACON is promoting
- Peers encourage party goers to disclose their drug consumption with friends

SUPER
SECRET
SOCIETY
OF
SIMPLY
STUNNING
SAFE SEX
SLUTS



DRUG ROVERS TRAINING !

Come to ACON'S 2 hour training update on Drug Roving at parties!

WHERE: ACON 9 Commonwealth St Surry Hills

WHEN: Thursday 5th December from 6pm-8pm

COST: FREE !!!!!!!!!

Topics covered: Medical Emergencies First Line Management from the Party Scene, Drink with a Twist, HIV treatments and Interactions,
How to engage with out of it people & Making an Assessment?
Confidentiality, GHB and OD, NSP at parties & Harm reduction
Popular Drugs what are people taking?

This is a thankyou get together & opportunity to prepare for the upcoming party season
Drinks refreshments and conversation guaranteed!!

To register phone Sharon Valks on 92062052 by Nov. 28th

E-mail me: svalks@acon.org.au

ACON Drug Rovers

- The majority of Drug Rovers critical incidents have been in direct response to GHB usage
- Over 20 GHB OD's located by ACON Drug Rovers since Sleaze 2003
- Overall feeling amongst the ACON Drug Rovers is pride and care for their community



Are you concerned about friends and community members affected by alcohol and/or other drug use?

Have you seen people looking unwell, fitting or convulsing, dehydrated, in a state of panic or paranoia, collapsed on the dance floor, or who have stopped breathing?

Do you want to help but don't know what to do?

Australian Red Cross, ACON, and the Sydney Star Observer can provide you with the basic knowledge and skills required to "Save a Mate". In the process you will gain a nationally recognised Certificate of Attainment in CPR.



It will only take 6 hours of your time and \$25 (\$15 for concession cardholders) to really make a difference.



Course Dates: 21 February, 28 February, 13 March, 20 March.



For more information and to enrol call Red Cross on 02 9229 4277 or email sam@new.redcross.org.au

Save a Mate Training Program

- SAM is a drug program and first aid course specifically designed for Alcohol and Other Drug Emergencies
- This innovative program is being offered to the community to assist people experiencing negative impacts of Drug Use
- SAM has been offered to many of the ACON Drug Rovers free of charge

Save a Mate Training Program

- Sam's 6 hour course available to the community at concession rates
- On completion folks gain a nationally recognised certificate in CPR
- This program tailors to the needs of the community and educates around specific drug OD signs

People use Drugs Differently & we all learn

- Being aware of how to make both party events socially enjoyable whilst reducing harm in the community is the ongoing commitment of ACON
- The daily drug use patterns & safer Injecting choices are the priority of the IODUP
- By expanding both the NSP service & surveying our clients, direct Health Promotion programs have community awareness