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Introduction to AIVL and its member organisations in each State and Territory

What is AIVL?

The Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) is the Australian national peak organisation representing the state and territory peer-based drug user organisations and issues of national relevance for people with lived experience of drug use. AIVL's purpose is to advance the health and human rights of people who use/have used illicit drugs. This includes a primary focus on reducing the transmission and impact of blood borne viruses (BBVs) including HIV and hepatitis C - and those accessing drug treatment services - through the effective implementation of peer education, harm reduction, health promotion and policy and advocacy strategies at the national level.

Who are AIVL's member organisations around Australia and what do they do?

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA) and The Connection

CAHMA is the ACT's peer-based drug user and drug treatment consumer organisation. The Connection is CAHMA's Aboriginal program run by and for the Aboriginal community of Canberra. CAHMA and The Connection seek to engage people with the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector and related community and social services to improve the health and wellbeing of people who use drugs in the Canberra area. CAHMA runs a low threshold drop-in centre offering the community peer education and health promotion activities, naloxone training, case management and related programs. The Connection has a strong track record of providing case management to Aboriginal people who have problematic AOD use and of supporting Aboriginal people to navigate AOD services, as well as broader community services.

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Website: www.cahma.org.au

New South Wales (NSW)

NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA)

The NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) is governed, staffed and led by people with lived experience of drug use. It provides innovative harm reduction services for people in NSW who use drugs, as well as for those that advocate for improved service delivery and a more rational approach to drug use. NUAA provides education, practical support, information and advocacy to users of illicit drugs, their friends, and allies. NUAA has often led the way in developing innovative approaches to peer education and community development, and has contributed to Australia having one of the lowest HIV rates amongst injecting drug users in the world. NUAA has a dedicated position for an Aboriginal Peer Support Worker located in the Nepean Blue Mountains Health District.

Phone: (02) 8354 7300 or 1800 644 413 (free call)

Website: www.nuaa.org.au

Northern Territory (NT)

Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council (NTAHC)

NTAHC is the key non-government organisation working in the area of BBVs, education and support in the NT, with offices in Darwin and Alice Springs. NTAHC delivers a range of programs aimed at preventing the transmission of BBVs and provides support for people living with a BBV. Programs are delivered in urban and remote communities via health promotion and one on one care and support. NTAHC staff are recruited from within the priority populations with which the organisation works.

Phone: (08) 8944 7777 (Darwin) or

(08) 8953 3172 (Alice Springs)

Email: info@ntahc.org.au

Website: www.ntahc.org.au

Queensland (QLD)

QLD Injectors Voice for Advocacy and Action (QuIVAA)

QuIVAA is a community-based organisation that aims to represent the diversity of interests of injectors and illicit drug users, through systemic advocacy aimed at addressing issues affecting users in QLD. Operating on a peer-based philosophy, QuIVAA encourages and supports current and former injectors and illicit drug users to be active in all levels of QuIVAA activity and provide input into strategic responses and policy development in relation to drug use in Queensland.

Phone: (07) 07 3620 8111

QuiHN

QuiHN is a statewide, not for profit, and non-government health service that provides a variety of health services to illicit drug users throughout QLD. QuiHN provides three primary NSPs across QLD (Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast), as well as offering a range of counselling programs and support services. QuiHN provides bulk billed General Practice (GP) primary health care services from its Brisbane office. QuiHN also offers individual clinical counselling, along with a range of therapeutic and psychosocial groups and produces a number of publications.

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Website: www.quihn.org

South Australia (SA)

Hepatitis SA Clean Needle Program Peer Projects

Hepatitis SA Clean Needle Program (CNP) Peer Projects run a full-time CNP at Hackney as well as having a 24 hour accessible syringe vending machine on-site. Hepatitis SA also provides full-time CNP peers at 3 CNP sites, at Noarlunga, Salisbury and Port Adelaide as well as regular sessions at 5 other CNP sites across Adelaide, including some after hours. The CNP peer workers all have personal experience and knowledge around injecting drug use and also have up-to-date knowledge on hepatitis B, hepatitis C and other BBVs. For other organisations working with people who inject drugs, the CNP peer educators also provide training to support engagement with clients.

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Tasmania (TAS)

Tasmanian Users Health and Support League (TUHSL)

As an unfunded, peer-based, community organisation, members of TUHSL work to advance the health of people who use drugs across Tasmania through both individual and systemic advocacy activities. TUHSL has a strong harm reduction focus and aims to: prevent BBV transmission; address stigma and discrimination; provide practical support, education and advocacy for people who use drugs and their families; and be a credible, valuable resource to inform policy makers and service providers so that they better meet the needs of service users.

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Victoria

Harm Reduction Victoria (HR VIC)

HRVic provides education, practical support, information and advocacy to current and past users of illicit drugs, their friends, and allies. HRVic seeks to improve the way people who use drugs are treated in the broader community as well as by medical, community and government services. The philosophy of harm reduction and advancing the health and human rights of people who use drugs guides its work. HRVic's interventions are individually and collectively targeted, in order to promote a culture of safer drug use.

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Website: www.hrvic.org.au

Western Australian (WA)

Peer Based Harm Reduction WA

Peer Based Harm Reduction WA (formerly known as WASUA) provides non-judgmental, friendly peer based support, information and education, advocacy and harm reduction services and services aimed at reducing the transmission of BBVs and STIs associated with drug use amongst the community in WA. The organisation has offices in Perth and Bunbury, with services including sterile injecting equipment, free Hep C treatment and vaccinations for hepatitis A and B, free sexual health and BBV testing.

Phone: (08) 9325 8387 (Perth) or (08) 9791 6699 (Bunbury)

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