

New Directions 2015 Conference

Addicted to Recovery: New Directions or Recycled Discourses?

New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group
Annual Conference London 21st & 22nd May 2015

Day 1: Thursday 21st May 2015

“Brains first then Hard Work.” (The House at Pooh Corner, A.A. Milne. 1928)

This day starts with the concept of ‘brain science’ and its relationship to alcohol, and then will contrast this with a critical exploration of ‘recovery issues’ for drinkers.

09:00—09.15	Arrival and Registration
09:15—09.30	Welcome address — Chair
SYMPOSIUM 1: Chair: Doug Cameron	
09:30 — 10:00	'Addiction': still not a disease? .. (TBC) Marc Lewis, Professor of development psychology & development neuroscientist, Radboud University Nijmegen
10:00 — 10:30	'What can 'brain science' tell us about addiction?' Dora Duka, Professor of Experimental Psychology, University of Sussex
10:30 — 11:00	Discussion
11.00 — 11:30	Coffee Break
SYMPOSIUM 2: Chair: Robin Davidson	
11:30 — 12:00	How does characterizing the impact of alcohol on the brain inform pharmacotherapy? Anne Lingford-Hughes, Professor of Addiction Biology at Imperial College & Consultant Psychiatrist
12:00 —12:30	Recovery as an individual human right, a social identity and a pre-figurative political movement David Best, Professor of criminology and law, Sheffield Hallam University (UK) & Associate Professor of Addiction Studies, Monash University (Australia)
12:30 — 13:00	Discussion
13:00 —14:00	Lunch
SYMPOSIUM 3: Chair: Wulf Livingston	
14:00 —14:30	Recovery—ideology or evidence? Tim Leighton, Action or Addiction
14:30 —15:00	'Brands of Recovery: what are we recovering from?' Alistair Sinclair, Director at UK Recovery Federation
15:00 - 15:30	Discussion
15:30 — 16.00	Coffee Break

SYMPOSIUM 4 : Chair : Professor Nick Heather

16:00 – 16:30	Post– Election considerations—can England match up to Scotland? (Working title) Keith Humphreys
16:30 – 17:00	Emerging issues for alcohol research (working title) Niamh Fitzgerald, University of Stirling
17:00 – 17:30	Plenary Session: Questions from the floor and debate
17:30	Conference announcements & close
18:00	New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group Annual General Meeting
20:00	Evening Meal and Entertainment

Day 2: 22nd May 2015

Proving policy or improving practice?

This day develops on the first day' themes by exploring alcohol policy perspectives and the treatment agenda, followed by an exploration of gambling and alcohol, and then further Perspectives from the field. To conclude, the conference will re-visit addiction for a final plenary to consider what we have learned and where next?

09:00 – 09:15	Arrival and registration
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome address - Chair
SYMPOSIUM 1 : Alcohol policy – what next? Chair: Adrian Brown	
09:30 – 10:00	'Alcohol ambitions for England: Public Health and national policy in the age of localism' (TBC) Clive Henn, Alcohol Policy Team, Public Health England
10:00 – 10:30	'Addiction treatment: meeting the challenges of a new commissioning environment' Colin Drummond, Professor of Addiction Psychiatry, National Addiction Centre
10:30 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
SYMPOSIUM 2: Gambling and alcohol – a dangerous mix? Chair: Nell Blane	
11:30 – 12:00	What is the relationship between gambling and alcohol? 'A brief look at the empirical evidence' Dr Mark Griffiths, Professor of Gambling Studies
12:00 – 12:30	Working with problem gamblers: transferable skills from the alcohol field? Pip Mason

12:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
SYMPOSIUM 3: Perspectives from the field Chair: James Morris	
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Evidenced based alcohol policy: not as simple as it sounds</i> Professor Robin Davidson
14.30 – 15:00	<i>Observations from the Recovery Partnership review</i> Mike Ward, Alcohol Concern
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
SYMPOSIUM 4: Thinking forward or thinking back? Chair: Trevor McCarthy	
16:00 – 16:45	<i>Beyond Excessive Appetites: A Power and Powerlessness Theory of Everything in Addiction</i> Jim Orford
16:45 – 17:00	Questions and Conference Close

The New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group (NDSAG) has provided a safe environment where alcohol practitioners, researchers & service managers have explored and debated contemporary challenges in the field since the mid 1970s.

We welcome new and returning members and delegates to the 2015 NDSAG conference in London: we will do our very best to ensure you find the experience stimulating and rewarding.

NDSAG reserves the right to amend the conference programme as opportunities and circumstances permit and require. Please visit our developing website where there is more information about the history of the group and of previous conferences and publications.

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