



New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group - 41st Annual Conference Weston-Super-Mare, May 10th-13th 2017

“Alcohol Anonymity— Still the nation’s favourite drug”

This conference explores the pressures on drinkers and providers of alcohol services.

Wednesday 10th May 2017

Welcome to Weston-Super-Mare

15:00	Arrival and Registration (Tea and Coffee available)
15:45	Welcome address — Chair of New Directions (Wulf Livingston)
SYMPOSIUM 1 - BEGINNINGS - Chair: Andy Perkins	
16.00	Local Perspectives: Weston-Super-Mare Multi-Agency Vehicle In Service Howard
16:30	Dual Diagnosis or Substance Use in Mental Health—how we ask about alcohol & drugs Ade Brown (Alcohol Nurse Specialist Psychiatric Liaison, CNWL NHS Foundation Trust)
17.00	What is in a name? Struggles with misuse, participants and new directions Wulf Livingston (Glyndwr University and NDSAG Chair)
17:30	Conference announcements
18:15	AGM
19:00	Dinner (staggered—dining room)

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Thursday 11th May

SERVICE PROVISIONS PERSPECTIVES

Chair— Andy Perkins (c)

CAN WE HAVE TRADITIONAL ALCOHOL SERVICES?

09:15	Welcome and conference announcements
09:30	Who can buy an Alcohol Service—the pressures to commission substance misuse <i>Will Haydock (Bournemouth University and Public Health Dorset)</i>
10:00	Surviving on the Margins—finding a home to practise alcohol work - John Hill (Reason)
10:30	“Soberistas: How I Created A Worldwide Community To Support Positive Sobriety” <i>Lucy Rocca (Soberistas)</i>
11:00	Tea and coffee

REFLECTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES

11:30	Why we still need therapeutic communities - Rowdy Yates (University of Stirling)
12:00	Out of sight out of mind—Congregational Seaside Dumping <i>Caroline Cole, Interim CEO of Broadway Lodge (a rehab in Weston)</i>
12:30	Plenary—questions from the floor and debate
13:00	Lunch

TREATMENT PERSPECTIVES

13:50	Cognitive bias modification for addiction: are we flogging a dead horse <i>Matt Field (University of Liverpool)</i>
14:35	The Resonance Factor—revisiting the discovery of the high –Kenneth Robinson (Janus Solutions)
15:05	Tea and Coffee
15:35	How can opioid antagonists help alcohol clients— views on naltrexone and nalmefene <i>Fergus Law (Turning Point UK)</i>
16:10	New Directions in the CBT approach to the treatment of alcohol problems <i>Marcantonio Spada (London South Bank University)</i>
16:45	Plenary—questions from the floor and debate
17:15	Conference announcements
18:30	Conference Reception
19:15	Dinner—Conference Style
21:00	Quiz

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Friday 12th May

SOCIETAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair	Wulf Livingston
09:15	Welcome and conference announcements
09:15	<i>Where are we going with alcohol—Critical reflections on recent policy developments</i> <i>James Morris (The Alcohol Academy)</i>
10:00	<i>The Science of Hangovers</i> <i>Sally Adams (Bath University)</i>
10:30	<i>Alcohol over the life course</i> - <i>Phil Harris (Independent consultant)</i>
11:15	Tea and Coffee Break
11:45	<i>Drink Wise Age Well—Early Project Evaluation Considerations</i> <i>Julie Breslin (Addaction) and Sarah Wadd (University of Bedfordshire)</i>
12:15	<i>Interventions to address trauma and alcohol and drug use among women: exploring what works for whom, why and in what contexts?.</i> <i>Karen Bailey (Kings College London)</i>
12:45	Plenary—questions from the floor and debate
13:00	Lunch

SYMPOSIUM - Launch of The Alcohol Theory Network in Europe

(Supported by Alcohol Research UK)

Responding to the Brain Disease Model of Addiction

Chair	Betsy Thom
13:50	Welcome—Wulf Livingston, Chair, NDSAG
14:00	<i>Cognitive processing biases and deficits in impulse control do not imply that addiction is a brain disease</i> - <i>Matt Field (University of Liverpool)</i>
14:20	<i>Recovery from addiction and desistance from crime: Why jobs, friends and houses are more important than brains</i> - <i>David Best (Sheffield Hallam University)</i>
14:40	<i>Ethical implications and pitfalls of the brain disease model of addiction</i> <i>Fred Rotgers (Cognitive Behavioural Psychologists of New Jersey, USA)</i>
15:00	<i>Addiction grows in the brain (as well as life) but that does not make it a brain disease</i> <i>Marc Lewis, (Radboud University, Netherlands)</i>
15:20	Tea and Coffee Break
15:40	<i>Risk of being misunderstood when one denies that addiction is best viewed as a brain disease</i> - <i>Nick Heather (Northumbria University)</i>
16:00	<i>Free will, black swans and addiction</i> - <i>Reinout Weirs (University of Amsterdam)</i>
16:20	<i>Panel and general discussion—Moderator</i> - <i>Derek Heim (Edgehill University)</i>
17:30	Conference announcements (after which, there will be an open meeting of the ATN)

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Saturday 13th May

NEW VOICES (A SPACE FOR NEW RESEARCHERS AND/OR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PRESENTED AT NDSAG BEFORE)

Chair—James Nicholls Alcohol Research UK (c)

9.45	Emerging areas and practices in alcohol research <i>Tony Moss (London South Bank University)</i>
10:30	Capturing problem drinking in young people: results from a mixed methods study <i>Paul Toner (University of York)</i>
11:00	Climbing and Recovery <i>Szeri Kovacs (University of West of England)</i>
11:30	Tea and Coffee Break
12.00	Digital Interventions <i>Zarnie Khadjesari (Kings College London)</i>
12:30	The Social Components of Recovery and Desistance <i>Lauren Hall (Sheffield Hallam University)</i>
12:30	<i>Conference Reflections</i>
13.00	Conference Ends
	Lunch is provided
2-00-4.00	PhD/Early Career support seminar—following last years seminar at the end of the Bradford conference, there will again, be an opportunity for an informal meeting and support session for those students and other researchers, wishing to explore

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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