

Changing the Drinking Culture of Young Australians

QNADA, Drug Arm and Dovetail hope that you enjoyed this important and engaging discussion as part of Drug Action Week 2012, facilitated by Jeff Buckley (Dovetail). Our appreciation is also extended to our panellists—Siobhan Delgado (YETI), Trevor Knox (DRUG ARM Goondiwindi), Erin Mercer (ChillOut Zone) and Mark Lingwood (Qld Police Service).



Jeff Buckley is a qualified Social Worker with 12 years experience in youth work and community development practice both in Australia and overseas. He has worked across the community youth sector, within local and state government and as a private consultant, dedicating much of his career to working with young people experiencing homelessness. A strong advocate for genuine youth participation processes, Jeff strives to ensure that young people are always 'designed-in' to both program development and direct service delivery.

Siobhan Delgado has worked in the AOD sector since 1992, originally volunteering with a HIV/ DRUG service in Dublin, Ireland. Siobhan completed training in counselling followed by a Diploma in Addition studies in Trinity College Dublin and a post grad in Criminology. She worked for 7 years with the Health services in Ireland as an outreach worker, a manager of a drug service team and an area operations manager. She and her family moved to Australia in 2000 and started out in Perth, WA. Siobhan worked with WASUA followed by a short role with WANADA before moving to Broome for 5 years to work with the North West Mental Health & Drug Services. She moved to QLD in 2010 and has worked with YETI since January 2011. Siobhan is a registered counsellor with ACA and is currently completing a degree in Social Work with JCU, Cairns.





Trevor Knox identifies himself as a Kamillaroi man. He is currently working as an AOD Clinical Worker with DRUG ARM in the communities of Goondiwindi, Boggabilla and Toomelah. He has attained a Masters of Indigenous Studies and has worked with a number of remote Aboriginal communities in Northern Western Australia, Far North Queensland and the Maranoa Region of South West Queensland. Trevor has a deep understanding of the challenges and strengths of Aboriginal communities and a strong passion for working with young people, families and communities.

Erin Mercer has qualifications in Social Science and Community Development with 15 years experience working in Australia and overseas. She has worked in many non-government and community-based organisations across the sector including working with people with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, and on various community development projects. For the last 5 years she has been working with the Chill Out Zone providing support to young people affected by alcohol and other drugs in late night entertainment precincts.



Mark Lingwood is an Acting Inspector of Police and is currently the Project Manager for the Queensland Early Intervention Pilot Project (QEIPP). Mark has worked in various youth orientated policing roles; including managing Cairns and Tamworth PCYC and a member of the team that established the first PCYC in the Yarrabah indigenous community. He has an interest in assisting young people fulfil their potential and has volunteered in youth related organisations such as the YMCA.