Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of New South Wales

NOTICE

Invitation to the 9th NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network (ADAN) Symposium

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The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC), in partnership with the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health NSW (OATSIH) and NSW Health and the Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office (MHDAO), will be hosting the 9th NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network (ADAN) Symposium on the 14th & 15th of March 2012. The Symposium will be held at the 'Breakfree Aanuka Resort' Coffs Harbour.

The Symposium is run by and for Aboriginal drug and alcohol workers and aims to:

- Provide a forum for workers to network and collaborate,
- Highlight new approaches in drug and alcohol treatment, care and management applicable to Aboriginal communities,
- Enable delegates to share positive service delivery programs and models,
- Identify priorities to be addressed at future meetings of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network.

The Symposium is primarily for Aboriginal drug and alcohol workers who work within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, Non-Government Organisations and Area Health Services in the field of drugs and alcohol.

Date: 14th & 15th March 2012
Registrations: 8.30am Wednesday 14th March 2012
Location: Breakfree Aanuka Resort
Firman Drive, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450.

In order to assist your organisation to participate in this important event, sponsorship will include: registration, accommodation for two nights only (extra accommodation requests for delegates travelling long distances will be assessed on need by the ADAN Leadership Group), meals during the Symposium and Symposium Dinner on the night of the 14th March 2012.

Organisations will be expected to cover the costs of travel to and from the venue and meals outside of the Symposium (excluding the Symposium Dinner).

Due to funding the Leadership Group has capped sponsorship to the Symposium at 90 delegates attending. **We primarily request that applicants are Aboriginal people currently working in the drug and alcohol field**. However, limited spaces are available for other workers and these applicants will be assessed accordingly by the Leadership Group.
Also due the limited number of places, prompt registration is essential to ensure that as many organisations are represented as possible.

Please find enclosed the **Sponsorship Application Form** for your information and distribution to relevant workers and networks.
For further information regarding the 9th NSW ADAN Symposium, please contact: Kristie Harrison ADAN Project Officer, E: kharrison@ahmrc.org.au, Ph: (02) 9212 4777

We look forward to hearing back from your organisation and hope that you are able to support ADAN workers to attend this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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