



Big Drinking and the Big Society

Inequality and alcohol problems – are we really all in this together?

35th Annual NDSAG Conference
Thursday 14th - Sunday 17th April 2011
University of Lancaster, Lancaster

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2011

12.30	Arrival and Registration	
Conference Opening Session		Chair: Sally Scriminger
13.45	NDSAG Chair's Welcome & Introduction	Roz Brooks
13.50	Welcoming address Professor Tony McEnery is Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Lancaster	Tony McEnery
14.00	News from nearby Dr Ian Paylor is Head of the Department of Applied Social Science at University of Lancaster	Ian Paylor
14.45	Drinking Culture: big drinking—who's binge is it anyway? The culture of young peoples' drinking – current behaviour and the issues of young people's relationship with alcohol in 21 st Century Britain	Fiona Measham
15.30	Tea and Biscuits Break	
16.00	Drinking Culture—there's a lot of it about UK drinking culture(s) - report from a large recent study	Derek Heim
16.30	A Lifetime of Lifelines Personal and organisational experiences of unequal opportunities, and overcoming them	Ian Wardle
17.15	Conference Announcements	Roz Brooks
18.45	CONFERENCE RECEPTION The first evening reception is a traditional feature of the New Directions annual conference. The event is designed to welcome all delegates, including those who have been regular members of New Directions and particularly those attending for the first time. Complementary pre-dinner drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are available. The emphasis is on meeting informally with as many of the other delegates, including established members, committee members and speakers, early in the conference. New Directions has always sought to promote active participation, because this improves our experience of the conference and helps develop personal, professional networks.	
19.30	DINNER	



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FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2011

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION		Chair: Adrian Brown
9.00	The Spirit Level: salience and relevance An overview of the Spirit Level and its potential significance for the design delivery of alcohol interventions and treatment	Nick Heather
9.45	Bursting the Bubble in the Spirit Level The backlash and the challenges to the Spirit Level perspectives	Trevor McCarthy
10.30	Alcohol and the Spirit Level What if the facts don't fit? Ron McKechnie's analysis.	Doug Cameron
11.00	Coffee and Biscuits Break	
11.30	Did we really give up on abstinence? Have we in NDSAG made abstentionists second class citizens?	Wulf Livingston
12.00	We're all in this It's treatment Jim but not as we know it Moralising and demoralising. Can we champion the new recovery movement without destroying our treatment infrastructure and systems?	Andy Perkins & Andy Rome
12.30	Recovery Capital and the Inverse Care Law Is there any chance of a redistribution of recovery opportunities?	Tim Leighton
13.00	LUNCH	
FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION		Chair: Roz Brooks
14.00	Volunteering and Voluntary Contributions <i>A facilitated group activity exploring:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The range of volunteering concepts and opportunities What we already do and have done What we might do, and what we bloody well won't do 	Helen Owen & Pip Mason
15.30	Tea and Biscuits Break	
16.00	21st Century Perspectives – the story so far Reflections from the front line – a new-ish recruit to the field	Conor Davidson
16.30	Bill W and the Big Society Reflections on an historical scale and where did I leave my specs?	Robin Davidson
18.15	NDSAG AGM	
19.30	DINNER	
20.30	A WEE DRAM FOR RON MCKECHNIE Remembering and celebrating Ron McKechnie. A founding member of NDSAG and an Hon. Life Member, Ron died in January 2011. This is an informal social session to remember a colleague, friend and inspirational member of the Group.	



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SATURDAY 16TH APRIL 2011

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION		Chair: Sally Scriminger
Alcohol Education Research Council (AERC) Symposium Contemporary Reports from AERC supported research:		Robin Davidson
9.00	The AERC & high impact cutting edge research	Robin Davidson
9.15	Alcohol and university sport The relationship between sport participation and alcohol consumption among students at English universities	Nick Heather
9.45	Social normative interventions with university students A review of the evidence	Bev John & Tina Alwyn
10.15	Tough Lives and Tough Love Reflections on what works, what doesn't and why from listening to parents whose alcohol use has lead to child protection concerns	Donald Forrester
10.45	AERC Session Review	Robin Davidson
11.00	Coffee and Biscuits Break	
11.30	Social Work and Substance Use Findings from a national survey	Sarah Galvani
12.00	Thorogood and the Service Destroyers Surviving with integrity as a small player with bigger ****ers	Peter Thorogood
12.30	Ask a silly question? There's methodology in the madness Why questionnaires aren't always the right answer; research in general and alcohol work in particular	John Davies
13.00	LUNCH	
SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION		
14.00	Self Directed Learning Opportunities: Conference delegates identify and pursue individual learning objectives in collaboration with colleagues, with facilitation and support from the conference organisers, as required.	
19.00	DINNER	
21.00	NEW DIRECTIONS QUIZ 2011 A Team Event for all Delegates.	Doug Cameron & Trevor McCarthy



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SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2011

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION		Chair: Andy Perkins
9.30	The GP and commissioning - Friend or Foe The future – considering Primary Care experiences of the recent past	Susi Harris
10.00	NICE work if we can get it; the alcohol services we deserve What alcohol services would look like if we actually implemented MoCAM and the three NICE alcohol publications	Adrian Brown
11.00	Coffee and Biscuits Break	
11.30	Planning the New Directions Conference 2012: Traditional end to a NDSAG conference: a planning session and wish list to inform the organisation of the 2012 conference which will be held in the Cardiff area.	Wulf Livingston
12.15	Conference Closes	

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.

Our 2011 conference addresses the challenges facing alcohol commissioners and treatment services. Just at the time when we have had the first comprehensive national UK alcohol strategies, the political consensus is that public spending must be cut. NICE guidance is imminent on providing better, evidence-based alcohol interventions, but can under resourced alcohol treatment systems really make a difference without new investment?

As part of our 2011 programme we are delighted to feature an AERC research symposium. We welcome new and returning members and delegates to the NDSAG 2011 conference in Lancaster: we will do our 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 website where there is more information about the history of the group and of previous conferences and publications.

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