

**TITLE:** Can you create change by committee: safe and productive meeting spaces A NUAA advocacy workshop

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**Background:** Best practice requires that the views of people with lived and living experience of alcohol and other drug (AOD) use are included in all stages of policy, research and clinical services work. While this expectation is enshrined in strategic directives and accreditation standards, there is little guidance in how to include people with lived and living experience in a way that is safe and empowers them to contribute fully.

**Description of Intervention:** This workshop is to support participants in creating safe spaces for people with lived and living experience in policy, clinical and academic meetings

**Implementation:** Workshop participants can expect to have a greater understanding of the challenges faced by people with lived and living experience in attending meeting and how to overcome them. They will develop a greater appreciation of how to support attendance, the impacts of language, how to deal with stigma in the course of a meeting and appropriate follow up and between meeting contact and how to create a more level playing field between consumers and clinicians and or bureaucrats.

**Conclusion and Next Steps:** Put these principles into practice in your service setting

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