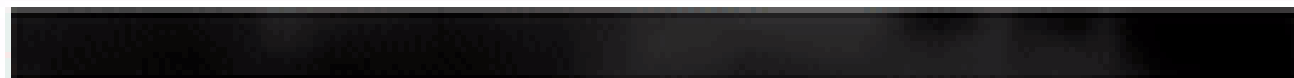




NUAA

NSW USERS AND AIDS ASSOCIATION



DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING THE LIVED AND LIVING EXPERIENCE WORKFORCE IN NSW

Acknowledgment of Country

Community Acknowledgment

NUAA is a peer based, community-controlled drug user organisation. We represent the voices and needs of drug using communities in NSW. NUAA and the community of people who inject drugs were instrumental in averting the HIV epidemic and we remain central to improving the health and human rights of all People Who Use Drugs in NSW. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the legacy of the peers who went before us and reaffirm our commitment to fighting the effects of stigma and criminalisation in all their manifestations.

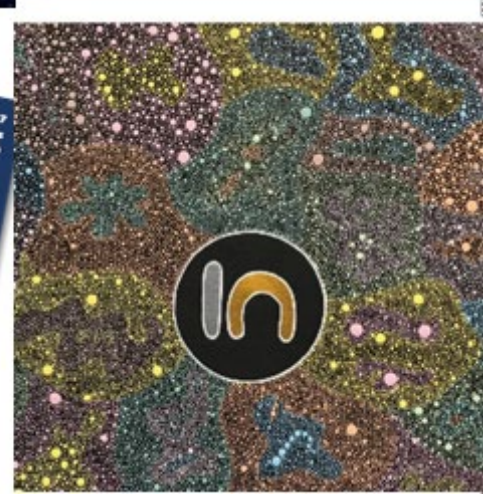


WHO IS NUAA?

Our Mission: To advance the health, human rights and dignity of people who use or have used illicit drugs.

NUAA

- HCV prevention, testing and treatment linkages
- LLE workforce development and support
- Research and research linkages (developing best evidence)
- Advocacy
- Peer support programs
- Festival harm reduction
- Peer distribution networks
- Outreach
- Harm reduction education and communication
- NSP services (including postal)
- Training – peers and health professionals



LLE* Work IN NSW

- In 2022 there were 68 LLE roles across 38 FTE positions.
- Government response to the the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' identified the support and development of the LLE workforce as a priority,
- NSW LLE workforce has had substantial growth and development in last few years.

*LLE = Lived and Living Experience (just in case I failed to clarify before now)



NUAA's ConnectED Program



BUILD

BUILD training will help you build your own capacity and confidence to start your journey as a peer worker.

Four hours per week for four weeks.



SHARE

SHARE training empowers you to share your story in a way that is purposeful, meaningful and sustainable

Three hours per week for four weeks.



GROW

GROW is our LLE Community of Practice that will provide a space for LLE workers to share workplace challenges, learnings and lessons.

Once a Month



EXPAND

EXPAND is our webinar series, which brings leading experts from across the AOD sector to discuss issues relevant to the LLE workforce.

Every 2 Months



CONNECT

CONNECT is our online support network, which includes access to resources, advice and information forums and professional development opportunities, such as research, volunteer and employment opportunities.





IT HASN'T BEEN WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES THOUGH

- Funding and sustainability
- Definitions and understandings
- Profesionalisation versus institutionalisation
- Infrastructure
- Acceptance

