



ACT ATOD Sector Forum

Including presentation of 2010 ACT findings from the Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) & Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS)

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), University of New South Wales (UNSW), annually conducts the national IDRS and EDRS. These monitoring systems aim to provide an evidence base for policy development by detecting changing patterns of drug use and harm; documenting the price, purity and availability of illicit drugs; and monitoring patterns, trends and harms over time.

The systems are two key sources of alcohol, tobacco and other drug data in the ACT. This presentation will be cohosted by the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA) with NDARC; and will seek to present recent findings from the 2011 EDRS and IDRS, as well as reflect on trends from the EDRS and IDRS over the last decade. For further information about the IDRS and the EDRS see:

- IDRS: <http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/illicit-drug-reporting-system-idrs>
- EDRS: <http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/ecstasy-and-related-drugs-reporting-system-edrs>

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Date	Tuesday 31 January 2012
Time	1.30 – 2.30pm Introduction and information sharing 2.00 – 2.30pm Presentation 2.30 – 3.30pm (Workshop / Discussion (see attached for further information))
Venue	Mental Health Community Coalition Training Room, Level 1, Griffin Centre, Genge St, Canberra City.
Cost	Free
RSVP	Essential to ATODA on (02) 6255 4070 or office@atoda.org.au . Please provide name, email address, phone number when registering.
Other	Afternoon tea will be provided. Maximum 25 participants – priority will be given to stakeholders from ACT ATOD sector.



Workshop:

Strengthening the ACT ATOD Sector's engagement with the Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) & Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS)

The presentation will be followed by a workshop that will seek to:

- Further strengthen the relationship between NDARC and the ACT ATOD sector;
- Identify opportunities to increase survey participation;
- Identify opportunities to better disseminate findings to ACT participants and stakeholders;
- Review and discuss implications or context for emerging trends;
- Discuss and test findings,
- Discuss potential policy, practice and service responses and implications; and,
- Identify ACT specific research areas that may be of interest to the ACT ATOD sector; the IDRS and EDRS and the broader ACT-based research community.

This initiative is part of the Canberra Collaboration, which is seeking to expand and strengthen ATOD research in the ACT and region, and enhance ATOD policy and its implementation, through establishing a structured collaboration, such as a Centre for ATOD Research, Policy and Practice in the ACT.