

Expression of Interest for Community Reference Group

Who are we?

The Multicultural Drug and Alcohol Partnership (MDAP) is working in partnership with the South Sudanese Community in Melbourne to address alcohol and drug (AOD) related harms with a flexible and tailored approach. MDAP is a partnership of the Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health (CEH), Burnet Institute, Sudanese Mothers Coalition Victoria, Drummond Street Services, Turning Point and VAADA. The Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health is part of North Richmond Community Health.

MDAP is looking for people to apply and become members of a Community Reference Group (CRG).

What is CRG role?

MDAP Community Reference Group will provide practical advice, community insight, linkages to community and promote and disseminate information relating to the program goals.

- To promote dialogue and engagement among communities on the importance of harm reduction, community education and youth engagement.
- To identify key systems gaps, opportunities to improve the delivery of accessible, safe, effective and high-quality services for South Sudanese community members in the areas of health, education, justice and community services.
- To meet every 2 months for a 1.5-hour duration, with an expectation to attend 75 percent of the meetings held up until 30 December 2021.

Who can apply?

Anyone who is from the South Sudanese community aged 16 and above can complete the expression of interest form and return it via email. No particular qualification or experience is needed, however connection to the community and young people is important for this role. The role requires individuals with the ability to represent their views in an effective and credible manner. While we would like a diverse group of people from all age groups in the CRG, we strongly encourage young people to apply.

The community reference group will also include workers from alcohol and other drugs programs with experience working with multicultural communities, who may not be from the South Sudanese community.

What are the benefits?

Members of the CRG who attend meetings in their capacity as individuals will receive \$60 per meeting in the form of a voucher. Other benefits include: increasing understanding of AoD and making networks with other people within the community sector. On a personal level you will benefit from giving back to the community and seeing young people strive for a better life.

For any enquiries please send us email on: mdapadmin@ceh.org.au

Please complete this form to apply for a position on the Community Reference Group

Contact Details

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>		

Qualifications, Education, Skills

Please outline what skills, knowledge and experience you can bring to the group:

Involvement

Please outline the reasons why you would like to join the MDAP Community Reference Group:

Which issues are you most passionate about?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and other drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health and wellbeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Race/ racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why?

Memberships and Networks

Are you a member of any groups or networks that will benefit from links with the MDAP project (for example, where you can share alcohol and drug related education or information about the project to benefit members)?

Please complete the following details so that we can ensure that the group is representative of the groups we want to engage.

What is your age bracket?

Under 18 18 – 24 25 – 30 31 – 55 Over 55

What gender do you identify as?

Male Female Other

What is your cultural background?

Conditions

Please indicate below

In expressing my interest in becoming a member of the Community Reference Group, I understand that being part of this group requires members to attend and contribute positively to regular meetings, forums and other activities as required.

I agree

Signature

Date

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How to apply

Please submit this application along with your CV and other relevant information via email to mdapadmin@ceh.org.au. Please ensure you have read and understand the *Community Reference Group Terms of Reference* document before submitting this form.

Note: The information you provide will be kept confidential and will only be used to assess representation on the MDAP Community Reference Group.