



Workshop 20 Responsibility, blame and cultures of care

Tuesday 7 August, 9.00 am–4.30 pm

Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Introduction to the workshop

Recent media coverage of criminal transmission of HIV, in the context of broader concern about increasing rates of HIV transmission around Australia, has renewed discussion about responsibility and disclosure among HIV-positive and HIV-negative gay men. There is also renewed interest in supporting both HIV-positive and HIV-negative gay men to maintain or reshape their commitment to an active role in limiting HIV transmission. This workshop will identify and engage with issues that make up this discussion to consider its impact on social marketing messages, gay community and attitudes to disclosure and blame.

Aims of the workshop

This workshop is designed to:

- explore notions of blame and responsibility, especially in relation to HIV transmission
- examine the changing nature of relationships between state, service providers, communities and individuals
- learn from the ways in which notions of responsibility and blame are portrayed in social marketing campaigns or service provisions.

Delegate profile: who should attend

The workshop has been designed to bring together delegates with an interest in social research and health promotion, particularly in relation to HIV prevention, education and counselling services.

Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at www.wdp.nsw.gov.au

Registration

To register, please email Ann Whitelaw at a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au. Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

Registrations are now open and close on 27 July 2007.

The workshop starts at 9.00 am. Registrations will begin at 8.30 am.

Guest speakers (confirmed)

Don Baxter is Executive Director of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) and a past Executive Officer of the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON).

Associate Professor Leong K. Chan is Associate Professor in graphics/media at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney. His research focuses on national ideology, cultural identity and graphic communication in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore.

Nick Corrigan is Director of Community Health at ACON, a portfolio that includes social marketing, peer education and community development. He will discuss ways to better engage both HIV-positive and HIV-negative men by explicitly talking about their differing responsibilities.

Dr Raymond Donovan is Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR), UNSW, Sydney. He has lectured and held research fellowships at a number of universities in Australia and overseas. His research areas include the culture of public hygienics, gender studies, government of conduct, sociology of public moralities, representations of contagion, and visual sociology.

Dr Jeanne Ellard is a Research Associate at NCHSR. Her disciplinary background is in anthropology and for the past six years she has worked on a study of the discursive understandings of risk in gay men's narrative accounts of the events they believed led to their HIV seroconversion.

Dr Max Hopwood has worked with NCHSR since 1997. His research interests include the psychosocial dimensions of blood-borne-virus transmission, illicit drug use and government policy responses, gay men's injecting and other illicit drug use, quality-of-life issues for people living with hepatitis C infection and the impact of stigmatisation and discrimination on the health of marginalised populations.

Dr Michael Hurley is Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University, Melbourne. He developed Cultures of Care in 2001 as a framework to analyse the relation between treatments media, self-care and social relations in HIV treatments cultures.

Dean Murphy is Senior Education Officer at AFAO and is involved in research and the development, implementation and evaluation of HIV education in the HIV community sector.

Dr Kane Race is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Gender and Cultural Studies at the University of Sydney. He has published widely on questions of risk, government and ethics in the context of HIV prevention, gay sexual practice and drug use.

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