



# Young People and Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Facilitated by

## Annie Bleeker

The Youth Coalition of the ACT would like to invite youth workers to attend this one-day workshop on young people and alcohol and other drug use. Facilitated by Annie Bleeker, this interactive workshop will explore issues such as:

- What are the effects of Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD)?
- How are young people affected by AOD use?
- What is the youth worker role in supporting young people with AOD issues?
- What interventions are appropriate for young people?
- How to assess and refer young people to AOD services?

Annie Bleeker has worked in the drug and alcohol and HIV/AIDS field since 1990. In 1992, she began working internationally and has divided her time between Australia, the Netherlands and Indonesia where she worked as a writer, trainer and health promoter. Her specialisations include community education, young people, peer-led interventions and harm reduction. In 2006-08 she was employed by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre to coordinate a research project looking into the efficacy of peer-led interventions for ecstasy and related drug users (ERDs). She currently works as the National Community Training Manager at the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre in Sydney.

The Young People and Alcohol and Other Drug Use workshop is targeted at generalist youth workers who want to increase their knowledge, understanding and skills when working with young people with AOD issues.

- When:** Tuesday 22 June 2010
- Time:** 9.30am to 4pm
- Cost:** \$80 for Youth Coalition members, \$100 for non-members
- Where:** 46 Clianthus St, O'Connor (Youth Coalition Office)
- Food:** Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided
- RSVP:** Essential, by Tuesday 15 June - limited places available. Contact Katrina on (02) 6247 3540 or [katrina@youthcoalition.net](mailto:katrina@youthcoalition.net)

*The Youth Coalition is the peak youth affairs body in the ACT and is responsible for representing the interests of people aged between 12 and 25 years of age, and those who work with them.*