

Enhancing connections

4–5 June 2020

ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour



Abstracts are now open

NADA invites abstract submissions for oral papers, workshops, panel presentations and poster presentations for the **NADA Conference 2020: Enhancing connections**. This is an opportunity for you to showcase your innovative practice and research addressing the diverse needs of people accessing AOD services. Interactive sessions are encouraged to maximise opportunities for conference participants to exchange practice and experience.

Conference themes

Presentations may focus on any topic related to the conference theme. These include, but are not limited to:

- Access and equity
- Stigma and attitudes
- AOD and the media
- Treatment responses
- Working systemically with treatment issues
- Prevention and early intervention approaches
- Telephone, online/virtual technology approaches
- Consumer engagement through peer work
- Harm reduction interventions
- Outcomes and experiences of care
- Health and wellbeing of the workforce
- Service connections, partnerships and collaborations
- Collaborative practice across sectors
- Diversity
- Engaging culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Working with women
- Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Youth focused interventions
- Working with children and families
- Working with people of diverse sexualities and genders

Target audience of the conference

- Frontline staff and managers in the AOD sector
- Sectors working with clients with AOD issues
- Researchers with an interest in community responses to AOD
- Policy makers and funders
- Clients, consumers and carers

Abstract submission process

- Abstract format and submission guidelines are detailed on the NADA website (www.nada.org.au).
- Abstracts must be submitted by **Friday 21 February 2020 at 5pm AEDT** (Australian Eastern Daylight Time). No extensions to the deadline will be granted.
- Proposal notifications will be sent in **March 2020**.

Abstract enquiries

All enquiries should be sent to conference@nada.org.au.

Submit your abstract at

www.nada.org.au

Abstract submission and guidelines

Conference theme

Choose a conference theme for your abstract that best suits your content, topic, project or program type, or research. The conference theme is the general heading under which the abstract will be reviewed and later published in the conference printed materials, if accepted.

Presentation type

Choose a presentation type for your abstract that best matches the content of your abstract. Presentation options are listed in the table below.

Presentation type	Time allocated	Description
Oral paper	30 minutes	Oral paper presentations provide authors the opportunity to present original work related to conference topics.
Workshop	30–40 minutes	Workshops provide authors the opportunity to present their work in highly interactive manner that maximises audience participation. Workshops should have at least 25% of the total time allocated to questions and answers, or to group interaction. Workshops should facilitate and engage discussion with the participants.
Lightning round	10–15 minutes	Lightning round presentations provide authors the opportunity to share their work in brief oral presentations. Each presentation is limited to 10 minutes, and 5 minutes for questions and answers.
Symposium	60 minutes	Symposia presentations provide an opportunity to present on one topic, from multiple standpoints. Symposia presentations comprise three related presentations and an opportunity for questions and discussion. Presentations should be 40 minutes in total for your prepared content and 20 minutes for questions and discussion.
Poster presentation	Permanently displayed during the conference	The poster session provides an interactive forum for authors to discuss their work. Authors must be standing with their posters during dedicated poster session. All individual submissions will be considered for poster presentation if not accepted for their original submission type.

Terminology

We expect all presenters to be aware of the potential of language to be stigmatising. We recommend you review the [Language Matters](#) guide developed by NADA and NUAA for guidance.

Ethics

We encourage all submissions to consider ethical approaches to research and evaluation and refer you to the [CMHDARN research ethics: a best practice guide](#) [PDF].

Abstract structure

The NADA Conference is offering two options for abstract submission.

Option one	Option two
This is best suited to showcase a best practice example of a program, lessons learned through service delivery, project or policy implementation. To submit an abstract in this category you need to provide the title of the paper, presentation type and:	This is best suited to showcasing research projects. To submit an abstract in this category you will need to provide the title of the paper, presentation type and:
Background Summarize the purpose, scope and objectives, of the program, project or policy.	Background Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, a description of the problem being analysed or evaluated.
Description Describe (where applicable) the time, period, setting, location, structure, key population, activities and interventions undertaken.	Methods Describe the study period/setting/location, study design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used.
Lessons learned Outline positive outcomes and best practices learned or lessons learned that weren't successful.	Results Present as clearly and in as much detail as possible the findings/outcomes of the study. Please summarize any specific results.
Conclusions/Next steps Explain the significance of your lessons learned and future impacts for the sector.	Conclusions/Next steps Explain the significance of your findings, and future implications of the results and how it can be applied to practice.

Abstract review process

Abstracts will be reviewed by a Conference Abstract Committee which includes the Ministry of Health, NADA and representatives from the NADA Practice Leadership Group. Abstracts are reviewed based on relevance to themes, innovation, originality, practical application, and clear articulation of outcomes. Guidelines for the preparation of oral and poster presentations will be provided upon acceptance. The selection committee reserves the right to propose alternative presentation formats as the scope of the final programs requires. Applications will be notified of their success in **March 2020**.

Need help with an abstract or presentation?

Suzie Hudson, NADA Clinical Director, is available to help NADA members who require support with their abstract/presentation. Please email Suzie at suzie@nada.org.au.

An abstract example is outlined below:

Abstract title

Person One¹, Person Two²

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² University of New South Wales, Kensington, New South Wales, Australia

Presenter's email address: some.body@nada.org.au

Presentation type: oral, poster, workshop

Audio visual requirements: video presentations, etc

Abstracts must have a title, presentation type, a/v requirements, name of the presenter/s, contact details, and affiliations. A brief biography (100 words) for each presenter must also be submitted.