

Rebuild and recover

Reducing alcohol harm and remaking connections in the post-pandemic world



Alcohol Change UK's 2021 online conference

Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 September 2021

Day 1		
Timings	Speakers	Topics
09.30 to 09.35	Andrew Misell, Alcohol Change UK's Director for Wales	Introduction and welcome
09.35 to 10.25	Speaking from experience: Dr Lee Hogan and members of Moving On In My Recovery (MOIMR)	Meeting up at a distance: Providing peer support in the pandemic
10.25 to 11.05	Prof Katy Holloway, University of South Wales; and Martin Blakebrough, Chief Executive, Kaleidoscope	Online, offline: How can services support people when and where they need it?
11.05 to 11.15	Ten-minute tea/coffee break	
11.15 to 11.55	Dr Emmert Roberts, Clinical Lead, Homeless Hotel Drug and Alcohol Support Service (HDAS-London)	Everyone in! What can we learn about alcohol harm reduction from the hotel-based emergency housing programme?
11.55 to 12.45	Getting to grips with the issues: A chance to network and share ideas via focussed small group discussions on current topics	
12.45 to 13.25	40-minute lunch break	
13.25 to 14.05	Speaking from experience: Millie Gooch, author of <i>The Sober Girl Society Handbook</i>	Sober millennials: Changing how we think about not drinking
14.05 to 14.45	Larry Marsden, Lead Peer Mentor, Cyfle Cymru	Getting to work: Peer mentoring people with substance use issues into employment
14.45 to 14.55	Ten-minute tea/coffee break	
14.55 to 15.35	The bigger picture: Charlotte Waite, Director of Transformation and System Change, Platform	Co-creating a recovery: What if more resources and more services are not the answer?
15.35 to 15.45	Summary and conclusions: Richard Piper, Chief Executive, Alcohol Change UK	

Day 2		
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09.30 to 09.35	Andrew Misell, Alcohol Change UK's Director for Wales	Introduction and welcome
09.35 to 10.25	Speaking from experience: Alcohol Change UK bloggers Hugh Davenport and Amanda Mitchell	Locked down, topping up: "It seemed like everyone was drinking more, because what else was there to do?"
10.25 to 11.05	Richard Piper, Chief Executive, Alcohol Change UK	Working from home, drinking at work?
11.05 to 11.15	Ten-minute tea/coffee break	
11.15 to 11.55	Justina Murray, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs (SFAD)	Stay home, stay safe? Supporting the families of drinkers through lockdown and beyond
11.55 to 12.45	Getting to grips with the issues: A chance to network and share ideas via focussed small group discussions on current topics	
12.45 to 13.25	40-minute lunch break	
13.25 to 14.05	Speaking from experience: Recovery Cymru's peer supporters	The power of peer support: New approaches, and barriers removed
14.05 to 14.45	Sohan Sahota, Managing Director, BAC-IN, Nottingham	Drinking undercover: Facing up to alcohol issues in communities where drinking is taboo
14.45 to 14.55	Ten-minute tea/coffee break	
14.55 to 15.35	The bigger picture: Cormac Russell, Managing Director and Founder, Nurture Development	Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD): Remaking connections post-Covid-19
15.35 to 15.45	Summary and conclusions: Richard Piper, Chief Executive, Alcohol Change UK	