

Fairfield Local Drug Action Team

Social Planning and Community Development



Overview

The Fairfield Local Drug Action team (LDAT) carried out a Project called 'Leading Stronger and Connected Communities' in partnership with Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Fairfield City Police Area Command, SWSLHD – Drug Health Services, DCJ, Family Drug Support, STARTTS and The Rehabilitation Project.

A [video](#) on youtube 'Leading Stronger and Connected Communities Project' summarises an overview of the project development.



Summary of Project

Leading Stronger and Connected Communities Project focused on building the capacity, knowledge and confidence of community and faith leaders and community workers to work towards prevention of alcohol and other drug (AOD) related harm. The project aimed to challenge the attitudes, beliefs and stigmas associated with AOD.

As part of the project, the LDAT developed an AOD resource toolkit and has since trained 115 community workers and 25 community and faith leaders on how to use the toolkit. The toolkit was shared with Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)s and LDATs, and Wagga Wagga CDAT and an LDAT in QLD are looking to start the project in their communities.

The last phase of the project involved the development of a series of videos with community and faith leaders sharing the importance of talking about AOD in the community and breaking down stigma. The videos were translated into Assyrian, Arabic and Vietnamese.



Resources in the toolkit

1. User guide
2. Set of cards with an illustration, message and discussion points
3. Glossary with information about alcohol, drugs and their effects
4. Directory of resources and services available within the Fairfield LGA



Results

The Fairfield LDAT was invited to share the achievements of the Leading Stronger and Connected Communities project at the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) LDAT Community of Practice webinar. The webinar was held on 21 February with 29 people in attendance from LDAT's across Australia, including 23 LDAT members, and representatives from National and State Peak organisations.

The Fairfield Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) received the 'Outstanding Collaboration in Partnership' award at the 2022 Drug & Alcohol Sector Professional Development & Partnership Celebration Event. This award recognises the significant contribution of a project partnership in the South Western Sydney alcohol and drugs sector. Bankstown CDAT have also adapted the cards and put them up at their local shopping centres.