



**Launch of
QUB Survey:
Drug & Alcohol Use in the Workplace**

10th November 2020

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About us

NIADA is an alliance formed in Summer 2016 which facilitates co-operation among voluntary and community sector organisations supporting those affected by alcohol and drug use, and their families. **Funding available from early 2019 to employ dedicated Support Officer.**

NIADA's key purposes are to:

- Come together and create an independent cohesive voice
- Advocate and influence policy, practice and service delivery
- Campaign for the voluntary and community sector to be involved in the development, design and delivery of alcohol and drug services
- Provide members with direct access to PHA, HSCB and DoH decision making processes
- Provide members with networking, information sharing and publicity opportunities

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Members



2 further organisations currently exploring membership

Chairperson: Anne-Marie McClure
Vice-Chair: Pauline Campbell
Support Officer: Andrea Trainor

(Part-time since Feb 2019)

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Vision

NIADA's vision is to have a society where people affected by alcohol and drug-use have access to the right services, in the right place, at the right time

Mission

NIADA's mission is to work collaboratively to raise awareness and influence policy and practice on the impact of alcohol and drug use on individuals, families and communities

How?

6 weekly Membership meetings and Subgroups – Communications; Policy; TRFYP; Research & Governance.

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Manifesto based on current NI Context

- Polydrug Use and the changing culture in NI impacting on young people, women and over 50's
- Impact of COVID-19
- Alcohol-related harm estimated to cost NI society up to £900m each year across health, justice, policing and business
- Annual cost of alcohol use to HSC alone estimated at £250m/year
- 217,000 individuals drinking at harmful/hazardous levels
- Estimated only 9% of this population are in treatment
- Cost of alcohol to NI industry/business sector estimated £258m/year
- Drug use - significant and growing concern
- Better collaborative delivery by providers of services across all sectors to improve the quality of care and quality of life for individuals, families and communities in Northern Ireland – developing business case for Transitional Residential Facility for Young People

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- ❑ Commissioned Polydrug Use Survey of the Workforce in the private, public and voluntary/community sector (QUB);
- ❑ Snapshot evaluation of Behaviours and Trends of Substance Use during Lockdown#1 (CESI:QUB)
- ❑ Inform conversations about substance use, even if these may be uncomfortable – Recent letter to the Minister re. NIADA concerns: Commissioning Framework in advance of new Substance Use Strategy (SUS);
- ❑ Advocate and influence, practice and service delivery through active participation at all levels;
- ❑ Involve the voluntary and community sector in the development, design and delivery of alcohol and drug services;
- ❑ Design public health campaigns in collaboration with the public sector – active Comms group;
- ❑ Agree and promote key substance use messages for all types of media;
- ❑ Advocate introduction of minimum unit pricing – currently writing briefing paper.

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