Our lives...our issues...our health...the role of drug user organisations in reducing stigma and discrimination among GLBT communities

Nicky Bath – General Manager
On being a gay user...

BISEXUAL

The term queer is becoming an umbrella word for all who don't identify as straight. Bisexuals, both women and men, have recently put in a claim for membership in the queer club. NUAA News spoke to a male user for some thoughts on bisexuality and using.

How would you describe yourself?

I'm an important drug user writing speed and skill, occasionally ecstasy and acid. Always a clean one to 12 and ready to deal.

Do you do anything else to go with it?

It's going to do it doesn't do anything. Do you have a community you're a part of it's not a matter of being a user and it's a matter of being a user.

What are your views on the community?

I think the inner city of Sydney has a particular identity or way of being. Yeah, definitely. There's a larger gay and community in the inner city. What you start moving out from the inner city you start making much more against drugs that we're having from speed.

About sex and drugs?

In inner-city, too, can have a terrible time in terms of being normal.

Needlefest

1995
February 4 - 6
ACON building
9 Commonwealth St.
Surry Hills

Along with favourite user related videos like Panico in Needle Park, Needlefest also features an exhibition of user art. If you would like to perform, exhibit, contribute or want to know more phone 2006 2006.

Interviewees Wanted!

for a study of men who have sex with men and injected drugs

12 stepping queers

For some queers taking drugs stops being fun and they look for ways to stop using. Some have turned to 12 step programs run by NA. Here is one gay man's understanding of NA.
Background distribution of used injecting equipment by anybody other than registered medical and clinical program workers is presently illegal in NSW. This presents a serious issue for organizations who wish to inculcate every opportunity to improve needle replacement distribution as an humane and non-punitive policy which challenges addiction.

NUAA is very happy to be able to host Joanna Bryant of the National Centre in HIV & Sexual Health to talk about research which relates to this issue.

Following on in the panel discussion will be:
- Garry Galka, Coordinator Services, Maintenance & Infection Control, South Eastern Sydney Local Health
  - Anne McMillan, AIDS & Infectious Diseases Branch, NSW Department of Health

Also present will be NUAA members to provide a unique perspective on the important issue.

**Place:** Albion St Education Room; 345 Crown St

**Time:** Noon on Wednesday 31st March

RSVP is essential as there is a limit to 20 for attendance on the day.

RSVP to: Status on 93547300

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