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# INVITATION

**National Drug Research Institute**

## International Presentation

**Developing Personal and Collective Strategic Empowerment to support the process of recovery from addictions: A credible alternative?**

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**Presenter:** Professor Yann Le Bossé, Laval University, Canada

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**Date:** Thursday, 28 October 2010

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**Time:** 11.00am to 12.00 pm

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**Venue:** NDRI Seminar Room, Curtin Health Research Campus  
10 Selby Street, Shenton Park

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### **Presentation Abstract**

This seminar will present an analysis of the factors that contribute to contemporary challenges in the practices field on addiction. The second part of this presentation will be more focused on the potential of empowerment theory and practices on the recovery process from any kind of addiction. Professor Le Bossé will explore a conceptual framework which has been used to develop a practice analysis tool and tested in different settings in Belgium, Canada and France. Finally, the implications of the strategic empowerment approach on several aspects of practice with people who have to deal with addictions will be discussed. Particular attention will be devoted to professional posture which encompasses our social, political, economic backgrounds with individual attitudes, and beliefs.

### **About the Presenter**

Yann has a PhD in Psychology and is Professor in the Education Department at Laval University, Quebec, Canada. For the last 20 years, his work and research has focused on empowerment. As a researcher, Yann's current work and interests are underpinned by three specific areas:

1. The relevance and focus of empowerment to all fields of social-health practice;
2. The empowerment phenomenon - its impacts and processes;
3. How can collective and individual empowerment be sustained?