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My-Peer Toolkit: Supporting agencies that help young people support themselves

*A free public seminar by Jonathan Hallett,
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1pm

National Drug Research Institute Seminar Room
Health Research Campus, Curtin University of Technology
Level 2, 10 Selby Street, Shenton Park, WA

The My-Peer Toolkit is a free online resource for youth sector workers involved in planning, implementing or evaluating peer-based programs for at risk youth such as drop-in spaces, peer education and mentoring programs, camps/retreats and online discussion forums. The Toolkit was developed by the My-Peer team at the WA Centre for Health Promotion Research through an action research project with a range of youth services, with additional guidance from NDRI and ReCAP, and supported by Lotterywest and Healthway. The Toolkit contains an evaluation framework for peer-based youth programs and a wide variety of planning and evaluation tools that have been trialled with community-based agencies working with marginalised young people including teenage mothers, young people at risk of depression or self harm, and socially isolated young people. This workshop is ideal for those with an interest in community-based research or working with young people and interested in developing or evaluating peer-based programs. The Toolkit can be accessed at www.mypeer.org.au.

Completing his PhD in Public Health and working with the WA Centre for Health Promotion Research at Curtin University, Jonathan's background includes a variety of peer-based programs focussed on the mental and sexual health of young people. He has a strong interest in the potential for Information and Communication Technology to generate innovative approaches to public health and has been involved in Internet-based outreach, online brief interventions and the development of interactive educational resources. He's spent the past 18 months working with the My-Peer project team and is the 2010 conference chair of Making Links (www.makinglinks.org.au).

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