

Drug Prevention Programs *Update*

Welcome to the first issue of *Update* for 2008. Many exciting things are on the drug education drawing board and we look forward to sharing this news with you throughout the year.

New people on the State Office team for 2008 are:

Julie McCormack - Leader, Drug Education Operations
 Viv Byrne – Program Officer, Drug Education Resources
 Lyndall Fitzgibbon – Program Officer, Early Intervention
 Paul Garufi – Project Officer, National Strategy

Contact information for all the Drug Prevention Team can be found at

<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/directorates/studequi/drugeduc/support/welcome.htm>

Support is available in your region for drug education!

Your regional drug education consultant can provide support and advice about drug education:

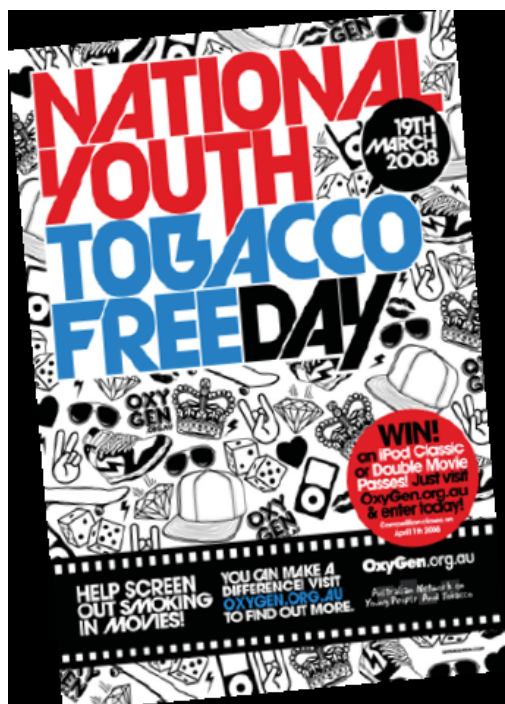
- policy and procedures
- professional learning
- programming
- resources
- resilience
- research
- community involvement.

Regional drug education consultant details are available at:

<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/directorates/studequi/drugeduc/support/welcome.htm> OR
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/yrk12focusareas/druged/contacts.php

Watch for this poster coming to your school soon!

National Youth Tobacco Free Day - 19 March 2008



National Youth Tobacco Free Day is on **Wednesday 19 March, 2008**. The theme for 2008 is '*Smoking in Movies*'. There will be a national competition with stacks of great prizes and lots of ideas about how you can get involved with the day.

The competition for 2008 will involve young people logging onto <http://www.oxygen.org.au/> and filling in the on-line movie review. National and state prizes will once again be up for grabs with the competition opening on 29 January 2008 and closing on 11 April 2008.

Keep checking the OxyGen website for more information about **National Youth Tobacco Free Day 2008** and for **your chance to win great prizes!**

While you are exploring the OxyGen website check out the new *Smokes and Ladders* game! <http://www.oxygen.org.au/game/index.html>

Smokes and Ladders is a game that can be played by 1, 2, 3 or 4 players and is a tool that teachers might like to add to their classroom strategies when teaching tobacco education.

The OxyGen website is an Australian anti-tobacco site for young people, teachers and parents. The site includes:

- information about the tobacco industry
- an interactive section that includes an interactive biopsy, scary maths and the NEW Smokes and Ladders game
- as well as links, latest news items and many other resources



NB Teachers should preview this site before using with students to check suitability and context

Other resources are found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/yrk12focusareas/druged/index.php

Did you know...

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) website has been launched and the Centre's monthly E-Zine publications are now available.

The monthly E-Zine is just one of a range of services and projects that:

- provide evidence based information and resources about cannabis related harms
- support service providers to respond to those experiencing cannabis related problems
- engage young people to increase their knowledge and understanding of cannabis and related harms, criminal justice, and how to access assistance for cannabis related problems
- examine some of the cannabis related media stories that have attracted attention each month
- provide commentary on research publications and media stories from experts in the field.

Download your copy at: <http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/>

Tell us if you have any innovative teaching ideas, good resources or useful websites that we can share with others, please email details to drug.prevention@det.nsw.edu.au.

Employment opportunities: Information about drug education consultant positions and state office positions are available online at jobs@det (www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs/Logon?Command=GoToHome). For additional information please contact Tracey Cross at tracey.cross@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone on 02 9244 5561.

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