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Nominations Open – Drug and Alcohol Awards

Outstanding drug and alcohol workers and organisations will be recognised for their tireless work preventing or minimising harm in our community.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said: “Every day, thousands of dedicated professionals offer their experience, expertise and compassion to those struggling with the consequences of drug use. Their interventions help protect public health, reduce crime, and enable users to come to terms with their condition and regain control of their future. If these are difficult endeavours, they are never thankless. Rather our hardworking drug and alcohol workers have the nation’s gratitude and admiration.”¹

Nominations for the National Drug & Alcohol Awards are now open at www.drugawards.org.au

The Awards recognise the many people and organisations doing exceptional work to reduce the harm and impact of alcohol and other drugs in Australia.

Awards will be presented at the National Drug & Alcohol Awards Presentation Dinner at the Plaza Ballroom in Melbourne on Friday 22 June 2012.

Categories for nomination are:

- Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to Drug and Alcohol Endeavours
- Excellence in Prevention and Community Education
- Excellence in Treatment and Support
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Services to Young People
- Excellence in Law Enforcement
- Excellence in Alcohol and other Drugs Media Reporting
- Excellence in School Drug Education
- Excellence in Creating Healthy Sporting Communities

The 2012 inductees for the National Drug and Alcohol Honour Roll will also be announced – for which nominations can also be made.

If someone you know deserves recognition for their valuable contribution make sure you nominate them by Monday 30 April 2012.

Each category winner will receive **\$2000 prize money**.

To find out more about the selection criteria and access the nomination form visit www.drugawards.org.au

The National Drug and Alcohol Awards are a collaborative initiative by the Ted Noffs Foundation (TNF), the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD), the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA), and the Australian Drug Foundation. This year’s Awards are coordinated by the Australian Drug Foundation.

¹ Message from Prime Minister Julia Gillard in recognition of the 2011 Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to Drug and Alcohol Endeavours, National Drug and Alcohol Awards 2011.

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