



National Committee for Addiction Treatment

Addiction Leadership Day Agenda

Strengthening and developing leadership in the addiction sector

Theme: Te Ara o te Angitu – Reflecting on our Successes

Thursday 23 July 2026, 9am to 3pm

Kiwi Ballroom, Jet Park, Auckland

8.00	Registration on arrival	
9.00	Mihi Whakatau Welcome	
9.15	Welcome & potential Addiction Leadership Day changes	MCs: Deb Fraser-Komene, NCAT Co-Chair & Rawiri Ihimaera, Pou Rautaki, dapaanz
9.20	Health NZ Te Whatu Ora Update	Phil Grady, National Director Mental Health & Addictions, Health NZ Te Whatu Ora
9.50	GLE – Ideas into Action	Jenny Wolf, GLE; Fiona Trevelyan, Odyssey House; Sam White, dapaanz; Romy Lee, AFS; Brendan Short, Auckland City Mission
10.30	Morning Tea (30 mins)	
11.00	Workshop: Same Side of the Coin? Behavioural Addictions	Jenny Wolf, Addictions & LE Council Lead, Global Leadership Exchange
11.45	Touchgrass: Responding to increasing levels of problematic screen use among youth.	Frances Russell, Clinical Lead/Kaihaumanu Matua, Touchgrass
12.30	Lunch (60 minutes)	



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1.00	Lived Experience Addiction Leadership Group Update	Lived Experience Addiction Leadership Group
1.10	Leadership - Lessons along the way.	Lt Col Lynette Hutson, Mission Projects Officer Mission Department, The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters
1.40	dapaanz	Sam White, CEO
2.00	Reducing Methamphetamine Harm in Te Tai Tokerau	Debbie Jordan, System Design Manager PFO, Northern Mentally Well, Mandi Cross, Methamphetamine Harm Reduction Programme, Northern Regional Commissioning, TWO. Maria Baker, CEO, Te Hiku Hauora.
2.30	Corrections – Ongoing Challenges and Evolution	Terry Huriwai, Kaitohutohu Matua, AOD Services Team, Te Ara Poutama
2.55	Closing remarks and evaluation	Deb Fraser-Komene, NCAT Co-Chair & Rawiri Ihimaera, Pou Rautaki, dapaanz
3:00	Whakakapi Closure and farewell	