

Peerlink Express: Harm reduction in action

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Who is NUAA?

NUAA is a peer based organisation

Mission Statement:

“Advancing the rights, health and dignity of people who use drugs illicitly”

The Peerlink Project

Peerlink is NUAA's key peer education project

Core values:

- Self-determination
- Peer ownership
- Equality
- Empowerment
- Community development and health promotion model
- Confidentiality and Privacy

The RISE Report

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The RISE report outlined four key recommendations for NUAA to undertake:

1. Develop a communication plan outlining how NUAA can have a wider reach and impact into Aboriginal communities.
2. NUAA to source funding to increase harm reduction activities for Aboriginal people.
3. NUAA to pilot a peer education project working with influential key Aboriginal peers to increase reach of NUAA, whilst promoting safer injecting practices, harm reduction activities, and BBV awareness amongst Aboriginal People Who Inject Drugs (PWID's).
4. NUAA to strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders and organisations to improve harm reduction activities for Aboriginal PWID.

Peerlink Express

Peerlink project aims

- To train and support 4 key peer educators in the provision of peer education
- To provide 80 contacts episodes of peer education interventions with Aboriginal PWID
- To support a community development model which engenders longer term behavioural change in relation to safer injecting practices
- To increase community knowledge, awareness and understanding of issues relevant to aboriginal PWID to enable and support longer term behavioural change

Peerlink Training

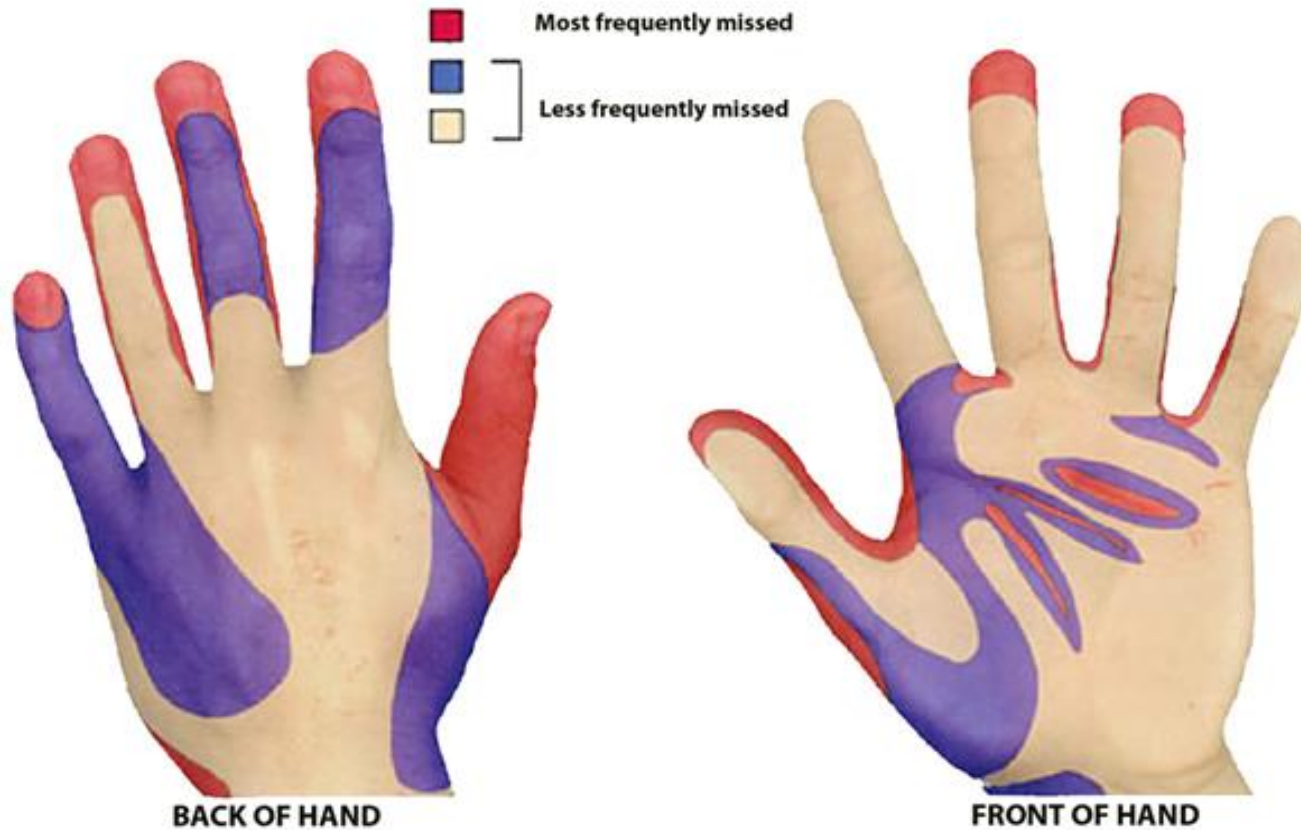
- Peer education
- Communication skills
- BBV Transmission, Prevention, testing & treatment
- Bacterial infection
- Overdose management & Naloxone training
- Safer using
- Vein care
- Equipment and filtering
- Sharps Disposal
- Drugs, equipment & the law
- Stigma & discrimination

Peer education training tools

Peerlink peer educators utilise a range of interactive, tactile and visual exercises and tools.



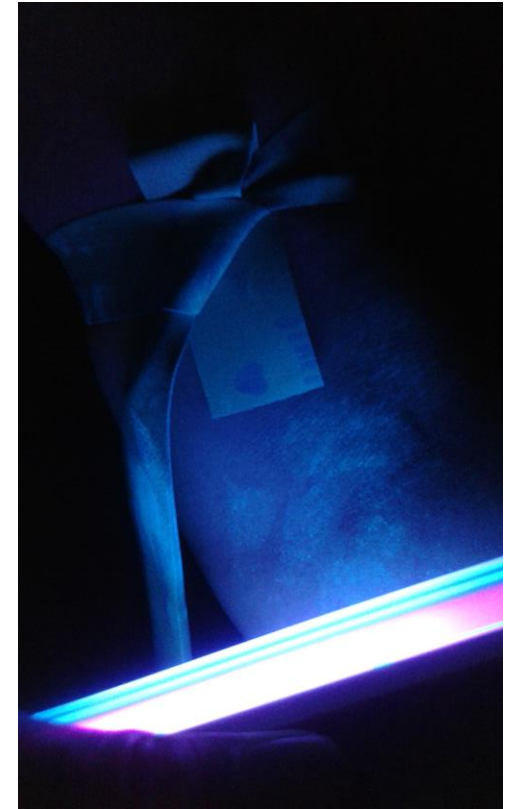
Hand washing exercise



Highlighting potential BBV transmission & bacterial contamination



UV reactive powder and a UV light simulates how blood and bacteria, which can be invisible to the naked eye can be transferred in assisted and group injecting situations.



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