



**Mental Health
Commission**



Expression of Interest for Lived Experience (Aboriginal Community) Members - WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot Working Group



The Mental Health Commission (Commission) is seeking to fill two (2) Lived Experience (Aboriginal community) working group member positions to take part in the development and implementation of the 'WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot'.

The two (2) positions are for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members with lived experience of alcohol-related harm. This could be your own experience or the experience of supporting someone close to you who has or is experiencing this (family, partner, friend).

What is the WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot?

The WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot is a four-year project aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm in the community. This includes decreasing emergency department presentations to Royal Perth Hospital. The project is run in partnership with East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS). For more details, visit [here](#).

The WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot Working Group

The WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot Working Group (the Working Group) is responsible for developing and implementing the project. The members provide advice, guidance and collaborate on strategies to reduce harm and promote community safety including:

- Provide advice on collecting and using data to develop targeted, collaborative, and effective alcohol-related harm and injury prevention strategies.
- Help create and promote tailored prevention strategies, including those that address alcohol-related harm, supply, and demand reduction.
- Work with community leaders and stakeholders to encourage changes that prevent violence and promote safety using evidence-based solutions.

Who is on the Working Group?

The Working Group includes representatives from:

- Mental Health Commission;
- EMHS – Royal Perth Hospital Emergency Department;
- EMHS – Population Health;
- EMHS – Royal Perth Bentley Group;
- EMHS – Data and Digital Innovation;
- WA Police Force – Crime Prevention Community Liaison Unit;
- WA Police Force – Licensing Enforcement Division;
- Community – (2) Lived Experience members;
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities – (2) Lived Experience members;* and
- St John WA.

Time commitment

The term of appointment is for 12 months.

The Working Group meets between six to eight times per year, depending on members availability, for a duration of 1.5 hours. Due to the changing nature of the WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot, reviewing out-of-session papers may be requested.

Remuneration

Paid participation is offered for the role in line with the Commission's [Consumer, Family, Carer and Community Paid Participation Policy](#) at the Advisor Tier of \$75 per hour, minimum 3-hour payment.

Member Support

The Commission recognises the importance of enabling Lived Experience members to develop their advocacy skills. There may be opportunities available for co-reflection, networking, and capacity building.

For any queries or assistance in your role as a Lived Experience Working Group member, including payment inquiries, please contact the Commission's Lived Experience Workforces Development and Stakeholder Engagement Team by phone on 6553 0600 or via email at engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au.

For personal support, Lived Experience Working Group members have access to the Commission's Employee Assistance Program service. You will be provided details on how to access this upon successful appointment.

Accessibility

You will need a computer/tablet/mobile phone, a stable internet connection, an email account and access to Microsoft Teams to fully participate.

The Commission may be able to assist in providing internet access at the Commission's Office located at 1 Nash Street, Perth, and/or provide support in searching for IT support services available at your local library if this is preferable. The Commission can be accessed by train, Mclver Train Station is next door. Alternatively, paid street parking is available outside the Commission with a limit of 2 hours. Wilson's Parking at 22 Stirling Street (enter Pier Street, train line end) offers hourly undercover parking, three minutes' walk from the Commission.

Please include any access needs in your EOI or feel free to contact Amy McDonald using the details provided below.

Checking Your Readiness

The focus of the Working Group is on developing and implementing strategies to prevent alcohol-related harm and injury. We highly value the contributions of individuals offering their lived experience. We recognise the emotional labour involved in such a role.

Before submitting your application, please carefully reflect on the following questions to consider your readiness for participating in this strategic initiative:

- Have I reached a point in my healing where I can engage in discussions about my experiences with alcohol-related harm, or do I feel the experience is still too present?
- What arrangements do I have for post-discussion debriefing and emotional support?
- Can these supports provide the resilience needed for this undertaking?
- How will I manage my emotions when engaging with State Government agencies with whom I may have intersected previously?
- Am I comfortable sharing my lived experience in a way that will contribute to the development of prevention strategies and community safety initiatives?
- Do I have the capacity to engage in regular meetings, discussions, and possibly review out-of-session papers?

Application process

Only applicants who reside in the Perth metropolitan area of Western Australia and can attend most meetings will be considered.

To apply, please provide:

- a resume (3 pages or less), including two references;
- a brief statement (2 pages or less) indicating your suitability based on the essential selection criteria below; and
- If you feel you have the skills to meet the desirable criteria, please don't hesitate to include relevant information in addition to your response to the essential criteria (additional 2 pages or less).

Selection criteria

Essential criteria:

- An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person with a Lived experience of alcohol-related harm. This could be your own experience or the experience of supporting someone close to you who has or is experiencing this (family, partner, friend), and the ability to apply your lived experience perspective in relation to strategies to prevent alcohol-related harm and injury.
- Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to provide constructive feedback, build and maintain positive working relationships with others, listen carefully and objectively, negotiate effectively, and make well-considered decisions.

Desirable criteria:

- A general understanding of the WA health sector.
- An awareness of alcohol-related harm prevention strategies.
- A general understanding of how to interpret and apply data.

Please mark your application “EOI Private and Confidential – WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot Working Group Lived Experience (Aboriginal Community) Member” and email to amy.mcdonald@mhc.wa.gov.au.

The closing date for EOI applications is 5pm (AWST) on Monday 18 November 2024.

Selection process

A Criminal Record Screening check may be required for this high-level role. We recognise the wealth of knowledge that comes from lived experience and a criminal record or pending charge does not necessarily preclude an individual from engaging with the Commission on this occasion.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to meet with the Commission (two to three people) for an informal discussion to assess their suitability for the role.

Information session

For further information, the Commission is providing an online 30-minute information session for interested applicants to hear more about the project and the role of the Lived Experience Working Group members.

The one-off session will be held at **11:00am (AWST) Tuesday, 12 November 2024 via Teams**.

Please [RSVP](#) if you wish to attend.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your potential participation, please contact Amy McDonald, Project Coordinator, Prevention Services by telephone on (08) 6553 0600 or via email at amy.mcdonald@mhc.wa.gov.au.

Glossary

Alcohol-related harm – alcohol is a major cause of preventable injury, accidents, disease and death. Harms from alcohol impact the individual, families, friends and the wider community.

Alcohol-related injury – a term used to describe injuries which have been caused by the effects of alcohol such as violence and assault, falls, self-harm, road crashes and drowning.

Remuneration – money paid for work or service.



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