

PHD SYMPOSIUM

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
13 NOVEMBER 2024

10:20–10:45 Arrival and refreshments

Mezzanine

10:45–10:55 Introductions (Sophie Orton)

Northumbrian Room

10:55–11:40 Session one: Alcohol and other drug use

Northumbrian Room

Chair: Melissa Oldham

Speakers:

- Benjamin Scher – Drug consumption rooms as ‘inclusion health interventions’: A comparative qualitative study on the experiences of DCR client and staff in Birmingham, UK, Vancouver, Canada, and Athens, Greece
- Christopher Oldroyd – Willpower, identity, and negative attitudes may impede engagement with relapse prevention for patients with alcohol related cirrhosis
- Valeriia Kondratenko – Understanding adolescent alcohol preferences: The role of parental influence in Russia

11:45–13:15 Session two: Workshop: PPI for PhD researchers: What, why, and how?

Northumbrian Room

Chair: Zoe Swithenbank

13:15–14:15 Lunch break

Hawthorns Restaurant

14:15–14:20 Welcome back (Annika Theodoulou)

Northumbrian Room

14:20–15:20 Session three: Cannabis, tobacco, and nicotine

Northumbrian Room

Chair: Elle Wadsworth

Speakers:

- Chloe Burke – Examining the independent role of cannabis use in depression: A multivariable Mendelian randomisation analysis and cross-cohort comparison
- Katherine Sawyer – Association of tobacco and cannabis use with brain volume: a systematic review and meta-analysis
- Nathan Davies – Perceptions of children and young people, policymakers, and experts on the UK’s smokefree generation proposal
- Emke Brazier – Taking a social norms perspective to understanding decision making around e-cigarette use

15:25–16:10 Session four: Gambling, technology and digital interventions

Northumbrian Room

Chair: Tsen Vei Lim

- Tosan Okpako – Developing a brief immersive virtual reality scenario for smokers unmotivated to quit
- Leon Y Xiao – Illegal loot box advertising on social media: An empirical study using the Meta and TikTok ad transparency repositories
- Christy Milia – Metacognition and problem-recognition in at-risk and problem gambling: A cross-sectional comparative study

16:10–16:25 Break and refreshments

Mezzanine

16:25–17:05 Session five: Rapid presentations

Option one: Qualitative and other methods

Locomotion Room

Chair: Sophie Orton

Speakers:

- Shinasa Shahid – Exploring cultural dynamics of ethnic women in addiction recovery: A comparison of three women from different ethnic backgrounds
- Josh Dumbrell – Nature-based interventions for men experiencing homelessness and problem substance use
- Robyn Scharte – Substance use and interoception: A systematic review and meta-analysis
- Corrina Leppin – Exploring the needs, desires, and concerns of potential users of a digital smoking cessation just-in-time adaptive intervention: A focus group study with adults who smoke and smoking cessation professionals

Option two: Quantitative methods

Northumbrian Room

Chair: Saba Ishrat

Speakers:

- Emma Smith – Analysing disparities in biological sex in relation to substance use and treatment outcomes
- Giang Vu – Prevalence, trends, and correlates of disposable e-cigarette use among US youth
- Mairi Gardner – Investigating the nature of hedonic processes in those who consume refined sugar excessively: A novel study into sugar addiction
- Annika Theodoulou – The effect of individual-level smoking cessation interventions on socioeconomic inequalities in tobacco smoking: A Cochrane systematic review
- Sahadat Hossain – Adolescent tobacco use and mental health disorders: Cross-sectional evidence from a low- and middle-income country

17:10–17:20 Closing remarks (Melissa Oldham)

Northumbrian Room

18:30 Evening social event @ Puccini Restaurant (29 Pudding Chare, NE1 1UF)