

## Employment

Mark Adley has a background as a frontline worker with over 30 years of experience within substance use, criminal justice, youth work, and primary healthcare settings. His motivation for the Joined Up project is fuelled by his own experiences as a young person: he is passionate about connecting with people and communicating across cultures. In addition to the PhD he continues his work as a social prescriber, supporting people with their social and emotional health and wellbeing within GP practices.

## Additional

Volunteering: HIV/AIDS buddying support, workshop facilitation, and training; drug use training and support for students, young people, and adults in prison; outreach harm reduction for sex workers; welfare, harm reduction and naloxone lead for people experiencing homelessness. He currently volunteers with Barnardo's at their LGBTQ+ group for young people aged 13-18 and is also involved in [Amali North East](#), a project aiming to develop a support network across the region for LGBTQ+ Muslims.

## Action research

Mark created the Drugs Wheel substance awareness model which is now being used internationally within the substance use field. It has been translated into 13 languages, and cited in published papers and textbooks: <http://www.thedrugswheel.com/>

## Academic work

Mark received a distinction for his MSc in Public Health (Addictions) from Liverpool John Moores and is the lead author on three published papers:

- Adley, M., Alderson, H., Jackson, K., McGovern, W., Spencer, L., Addison, M. and O'Donnell, M. (2023) 'Ethical and practical considerations for including marginalised groups in quantitative survey research', *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*. 2023:1-16.
- Adley, M., Atkinson, A.M. and Sumnall, H.R. (2023) 'Including the multiply excluded: a mixed methods study exploring intragroup stigma towards people who use synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists', *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*. 30(3):312-24
- Adley, M., Jones, G. and Measham, F. (2023) 'Jump starting the conversation about harm reduction: making sense of drug effects', *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*. 2023;30:347-60

And co-author on the following paper:

Adams EA, Spencer L, Addison M, McGovern W, Alderson H, Adley M, et al (2022) 'Substance Use, Health, and Adverse Life Events amongst Amphetamine-Type Stimulant Users in North East England: A Cross-Sectional Study'. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2022;19(12):6996.

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