

Student Voice Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

1. Key Purpose

To provide expert advice to support the development, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the Western Sydney Recovery College, ensuring that the principles of recovery, collaboration, co-production and co-learning are embodied and upheld in all aspects. The group will provide advice on core components, including:

- Curriculum
- Evaluation and research
- Partnerships
- Promotion
- Current Trends and Best Practice methods
- Support
- Links to other services

2. Objectives

The student voice advisory group will provide advice to the management of the Western Sydney Recovery College in developing an educational model which utilises shared expertise and extends collaborative education to promote recovery- focused practice, promote self-determination and self-management.

Specifically, the student voice advisory group will undertake the following functions:

- a. Ensure the ongoing co-production of course curriculum by professionals and those with lived experience of mental illness.
- b. Make recommendations regarding development and delivery of individual courses and the overall curriculum
- c. Have input into fidelity criteria to ensure course content and delivery is aligned with co-production and recovery principles
- d. Ensure the WSRC is responsive to the needs of culturally diverse populations, which may include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the LGTBQI community.
- e. Advise on mechanisms for qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the WSRC, encompassing the overall course curriculum, the course content, training experiences and trainers' experiences.
- f. Advise on and use evaluation information to make recommendations for quality improvements.
- g. Support the development and growth of partnerships that will support WSRC and opportunities for further development.
- h. Promote the WSRC and share learning

3. Group Members

People with mental health concerns, carers, mental health professionals, community members and students and stakeholders of the Western Sydney Recovery College are welcome to attend the group. The group maintains an open membership, where members can attend as many or as little groups as they like. The group will comprise 4-12 members.

4. Reporting and Minutes

The minutes from previous meetings will be distributed to all members of the group and will be supplied in electronic copy on the Western Sydney Recovery College website.

5. Meetings

Meetings of the student voice advisory group may proceed only with a minimum of two group members and two Western Sydney Recovery College staff members.

The group agrees to meet monthly in Blacktown at the Community Room.

6. Conflict of Interest

If at any time, a member of the group identifies a potential matter that may be a conflict of interest to themselves or another, this must be raised and noted. That person shall then, without prejudice, absent themselves from any discussion or decision making that may compromise themselves or the integrity of the WSRC.

7. Occupational Health and Safety

Group members are to conduct themselves according to the OHS requirements of the venue and One Door Mental Health whilst engaging in the student voice advisory group meetings.