NSWIOP Standing Committee for Community Outreach and Education

Provide expert advice regarding the mental health education needs of the community. This will assist NSWIOP to offer the most appropriate mental health training and will contribute to the development and/or review of the higher education curriculum to better reflect the lived experience of people with mental health issues and advise on best practice in consumer-led recovery.

- Provide expert advice regarding community mental health education that aims to:
  - Advocate for and promote prevention and early intervention strategies for mental health.
  - Advocate for and promote the general health and well-being of people who experience mental distress, their families and carers.
  - Educate the community about mental health issues, thereby reducing the stigma and discrimination against people who have personal mental health issues.
- Act as a forum for discussion and advise on issues that impact on the development of education and other initiatives to enhance appropriateness of training and education.
- Invite input from members to review and/or develop education or training content.
- To establish working parties on areas requiring specialist input.
- To ensure effective relationships with key stakeholders are developed and maintained.
- To help identify and develop links and partnerships with community groups and consumers/carers working towards the enhancement of mental health education in the community.
- Review the objectives, outcomes and evaluation relating to delivery of programs for mental health education for the community.
- Help inform the educational enterprise that seeks to reduce discrimination, social marginalisation and strengthen the community capacity to respond to the needs of people experiencing mental distress.

Membership

Membership will be open to community members and organisations involved in community education.

Committee members will be nominated via an Expression of Interest process.

Members will be appointed for a 2 year term.

Composition of the committee will reflect community diversity and will include representatives (but not necessarily be limited to) the following groups:
- People with a lived experience of mental health issues and families/carers,
- Mental health service providers from community managed organisations and government
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Aboriginal persons