SETTING UP A TRAINING INSTITUTE

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The need for skilled workforce in tackling drug misuse both treatment and prevention globally and mental health in general has been highlighted by the (UNODC 2014, WHO 2013). This is particularly needed in the Middle East region. The NRC Education and Training Strategy was developed to address this issue. During the past 5 years the NRC has been involved in a wide range of education and training activities including, conducting courses, conferences, workshops, talks and lectures. Many of these have been done in collaboration with a number of partners including the United Arab Emirates University, King’s College London, Matrix Institute, Aberdeen university as well as international organisations such as the WHO, UNODC and the Colombo Plan.

Our experience has led us to work towards developing a Training Institute to become a fully recognized and independent education institution both in the UAE and internationally, specializing in training in addiction and related fields. The aims of the institute includes developing specialisation within professions, developing skills across professions as well as developing professionalised workforce outside the traditional professions.

Presentation will cover the issues in workforce capacity building in substance misuse as well as share our experience and plans.