

BSA Alcohol Study Group Annual Report 2026

Overview

The BSA Alcohol Study Group has no formal activities to report for the 2025 reporting period, as they were not instated at that time. The following refers to 2026.

Convenorship Update

A new co-convenorship team was established in March 2026, comprising Eric Carlin, Penny Laycock, and Nina Gunnarsson. Nina subsequently stepped down from the role due to challenges securing funding for BSA membership, and Isabelle Uny joined the convenorship team in July 2026.

Future Activities and Development

Since taking on the roles, the new co-convenors have begun reviewing the future direction of the Alcohol Study Group and are seeking to better understand the interests and priorities of members. The group plans to gather member feedback to help shape future activities, events, and opportunities for collaboration.

The co-convenors explored the possibility of organising a dedicated conference event in April/May 2026; however, this was not able to proceed due to insufficient expressions of interest.

The group continues to support opportunities for knowledge exchange and academic engagement. Eric Carlin submitted an abstract on behalf of the Alcohol Study Group to the *Alcohol Research 2026: New Thinking, New Directions* conference. The abstract, titled “**BSA Alcohol Study Group: Alcohol in Society**”, was accepted, providing an opportunity to raise the profile of the group and engage with the wider alcohol research community.

Looking Ahead

The co-convenors will focus on:

- Engaging with members to identify priorities for the group.
- Developing opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.
- Exploring future events and activities that support the interests of the alcohol research community.