



CONFIDENT ... Tirrania Suhood (front) with the Bridges team.

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Bridges built to tackle drug issue

SEVERAL community health groups have come together to find a new way of tackling the drug issue.

The groups call the new initiative Bridges and launched it last week at the Blacktown Salvation Army Hall.

Bridges involves Blacktown Alcohol and other Drugs Family Services (BADFS) working with Western Sydney Area Health and a range of other agencies.

The main aim to help the community find its own solutions of dealing with drugs.

BADFS representative Tirrania Suhood said they hoped to do that by bringing together for meetings and reports young people, their parents, different sorts of agencies

and the broader community as a whole.

"Bridges believes drug issues are complex and that there are no simple solutions, but that strengthening relationships between young people, parents and the community and agencies is a major part of the solution," Miss Sahood said.

"It believes it will not only help to address drug problems, but reduce conflict that is often in the community surrounding these issues."

"They hope that this can also help create new ideas, support and co-operation."

Bridges will run for the next two years.