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Acknowledgement of Country Colombia

These words seek to recognize the impact of usurpation and violence in territories and lands such as the one in which we meet today in the framework of the Harm Reduction International Conference, HR25.

The Harm Reduction International Conference 2025 acknowledges the original populations, especially the Muisca groups (and before them the Herrera Culture inhabiting the Altiplano Cundiboyacense), custodians of the territory comprising the Valle de los Alcázares or the Bogotá Savannah, from the Middle and Late Muisca periods to the present day.

We pay our greatest respect to the representatives of this land, to their current and future wise voices, as well as to the defense they impart by recognizing themselves through their connection with the territory, equality and respect. We recognize the connection and the rootedness that the Muisca groups and peoples have historically had with their lands, waters and skies and with everything that extends and surrounds the lands of Bacatá, which in the Chibcha language means **flat land extension; the end of the fields**. We also pay our tribute to other Indigenous and Afro-descendant groups that in the brutal framework of the Latin American conquest and colony helped with their energy, tenacity and struggle – facing an incalculable violence of extermination – to forge the territory in which we find ourselves today.

Secondly, we recognize that the lands of the Sabana de Bogotá and of Colombia as a whole, once deemed wildlands, are territories whose socio-political, economic, cultural and environmental strength dates back thousands of years. We acknowledge that the modern Colombia we walk on today

is tainted with systemic linguistic, physical and socio-cultural campaigns of extermination against countless Indigenous and afro-descendant communities and with a history of massacres, land dispossession, and intergenerational trauma.

Finally, a congress such as this one on harm and risk reduction cannot but recognize the enormous impact that a modern campaign of violence such as the war on drugs has had on the most vulnerable populations of a country mired in a long-standing internal armed conflict. Colombian society has been the main victim of an unjustified, incomprehensible, retrograde and absurd war on drugs that is, above all, an extension of colonial, patriarchal, extractivist, sexist, racist, classist, homophobic, transphobic, misogynist and economic accumulation violence through which the most vulnerable populations have been subjected.

Indigenous groups, Afro-descendants, peasants, LGBTQAI+ and the queer community, women, children and youth, people with special needs, those in the agricultural frontier, the environment, exiles, socio-environmental leaders, and those who have used and depend on psychoactive substances in the cities and in the countryside, among many others, have been the cannon fodder of an institutional apparatus and a global war on drugs from which they have only received violence, exclusion, mistreatment and finger-pointing. It is them, us as a collective and as a society, whom this programme and this conference seeks to recognize in all their dimensions.

*Harm Reduction International would like to thank **Diego Andrés Lugo-Vivas** not only for this powerful acknowledgement of country, but for their invaluable support throughout the HR25 planning process.*



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Remembering the brilliant Ernie Drucker, co-founder of the International Harm Reduction Association and founding Editor in Chief of Harm Reduction Journal.

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HR25 SOCIAL

Join HRI for an informal social gathering at O.D.E.M. (Observatorio Distrital del Exilio Musical), which is just a short ride away from Ágora. We have a large space reserved for delegates and will make for a relaxed evening - we really hope you can join us. A free drink and nibbles will be offered for everyone. Additionally, you will be able to purchase drinks and food at the venue. Good tunes will be delivered by Kid Watusi (Chusma Records) and Coops.

HR25

Date: **Tuesday 29 April**

Time: **18.30-22:00**

Address: **Calle 63 #13-11, Bogotá, Colombia**

Cost: **Free admission with conference badge – all are welcome!**

Transport: **Coaches are free of charge and will depart twice to the venue; one at 18:30 from Ágora, and the second at 19:30 from Hilton Corferias. The return will be from O.D.E.M. To Hilton Corferias at 22:30 and 23:30.**

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Welcome

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of Harm Reduction International, we are honoured to welcome you to the 28th Harm Reduction International Conference (HR25) in Bogotá, Colombia.

Since its inception in 1990, the Harm Reduction International Conference has been a platform for dialogue, learning, and collective resistance. However, there have been existential changes since we last convened. A predictable, but painful shift to right, ultra-right and authoritarian regimes have gripped our world in the midst of a climate crisis, made more dire by increasing investment in defence and militarisation. It is not just that military has become a key driver in both greenhouse gas emissions and increasing human rights violations, it is that Western powers have embraced violence, flowing aid money into their defence budgets, and instrumentalising tech, AI and defence industries toward a new 'war on drugs'. These have not been subtle changes, the eviscerating cuts to foreign aid, and targeted actions against U.S. foundations and donors, threaten to undo decades of progress for people who use drugs.

We have a way forward. Our movement, born out of resilience, stands for health, dignity, and human rights. We must once again unite and harness all of our collective strength to sustain and advance harm reduction initiatives, without apology. HR25 is our platform to Convene, Collaborate, and Commit to building a self-reliant movement and services, emphasising domestic funding and local ownership, whilst demanding fair distribution of resources by the wealthiest, 'consuming countries'.

Colombia's current efforts to reform drug policy, particularly concerning coca cultivation, make Bogotá a fitting venue for this conference. The region's shift towards addressing drug-related issues through public health, social justice, and environmental sustainability offers valuable insights for the global community. Colombia's courage in speaking out against Western authoritarian regimes, who profit from Colombia's production, deserves attention from the harm reduction community.

We thank our local partners, Acción Técnica Social, and the Colombian government for their unwavering support in hosting this conference. Your ongoing commitment to pioneering drug policy reforms and creating an environment conducive to open dialogue is commendable.

As we take part in the discussions, workshops and learning of HR25, let us use this moment to deepen our understanding, share our experiences, and reinforce our collective resolve to fight back, to advance health, dignity, and human rights for all. Together, we can sow the seeds of change and harvest a future grounded in justice, opportunity and compassion.

Thank you.

Shaun Shelly
Executive Director, Harm
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Mina Barling
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Our People at HR25

Running a conference is a team effort – the entire HRI staff team puts their all into the conference, and we could not do it without them.

We are here to help you in any way that we can, so please don't hesitate to contact one of us should you have any questions or require any assistance.

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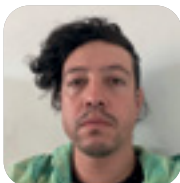
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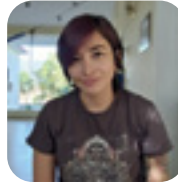
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HRI would like to extend enormous thanks to Corporación Acción Técnica Social (ATS), who have contributed so much time and energy to HR25. This event could not have happened without them. Please visit them in the exhibition zone to find out about the amazing work they do.

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About ATS

ATS is a Colombian civil society organisation that has been working in the field of drug policy reform since 2007, providing services and conducting research on harm reduction and pleasure management, user participation, the promotion of human rights, legal regulation of drugs, and narrative change, in order to influence the transformation of media and political discourses, societal norms and legislation in Colombia, Latin America and the world.

HRI would also like to thank the members of the conference's Local Support Committee, who provided incredible guidance and support.

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The Harm Reduction International Conference is supported by an expert international Programme Committee made up of harm reduction professionals, people who use drugs, people living with HIV, researchers, and advocates. Brought together by Harm Reduction International, their role is to review the accepted abstracts and create a high quality, topical and engaging programme that speaks to the key issues in harm reduction and draws out the conference themes.

The knowledge and experience of the Programme Committee ensures that the highest quality presentations, on a wide range of topics, are chosen.

The Programme Committee met over three days in November 2024 to review the abstracts and build the final programme.

Huge thanks to our HR25 Programme Committee members:

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Online Review Committee

The Online Review Committee (ORC) undertakes the considerable task of reviewing over 1400 abstract submissions. As 80% of the programme is driven by abstracts, the HR25 ORC needs to reflect a wide range of experiences with regard to drug use, sex work, age, race/ ethnicity, professional background and geographic location, so that our team of reviewers read the submissions through a variety of perspectives.

The ORC reviewers evaluated the abstracts using a simple online scoring system; each abstract is reviewed at least three times.

A call for abstracts is at the very core of each HRI conference and always marks a true start in its planning; the contribution of the ORC helps to ensure the quality of content to be presented at the conference.

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Apothicom Apothicom is a French company dedicated to the development and distribution of harm reduction supplies for people who inject drugs. Based on field observations, tools like Stericup® cookers and Sterifilt® filters were designed and are distributed in many countries by harm reduction programmes.



BTNX BTNX Inc., based in Pickering, Ontario, Canada, provides Rapid Response® test strips to support harm reduction initiatives. Since 2011, we've focused on delivering accessible drug testing solutions to public health agencies, harm reduction organizations, and syringe exchange programs. Our test strips are designed to empower individuals with reliable information about substance composition, facilitating informed decisions regarding health and safety. We collaborate with various state and provincial health authorities, as well as community-based programs, to address the challenges posed by unregulated drug supplies, offering vital tools for harm reduction.



Drug Policy Alliance The Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) addresses the harms of drug use and drug criminalization through policy solutions, organizing, and public education. We advocate for a holistic approach to drugs that prioritizes health, social supports, and community wellbeing. DPA opposes punitive approaches that destabilize people, block access to care, and drain communities of resources. We believe that the regulation of drugs should be grounded in evidence, health, equity, and human rights. In collaboration with other movements, we change laws, advance justice, and save lives.



Exchange Supplies is a unique social enterprise working to make the world a better place by reducing drug related harm. We have led the way in the development of equipment for and with people who inject drugs and improving equipment for needle and syringe programmes around the world.



Know More Risk Less Research Fund (Savoir + Risquer →) The Know More Risk Less research fund is a non-profit organization established in 2018 that aims to promote the health of people who inject drugs. The fund pilots scientific research and training in safer self-injection for people who use drugs, and health and social work professionals. Know More Risk Less research fund supports organizations in the field of harm reduction for people who inject drugs, medical and social professionals (educators, nurses, doctors, etc.), researchers in the field of harm reduction, and self-support organizations promoting the development of harm reduction. The fund also has an advocacy activity aimed at promoting the citizenship of drug users.



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Knowledge-Action-Change K•A•C is a private sector public health agency with the aim of promoting health through harm reduction - defined for our purpose as, 'policies, regulations, and actions that focus on reducing health risks, usually by providing safer forms of hazardous products or encouraging less risky behaviours, rather than solely focusing on eradication of products or behaviours'. We also believe that harm reduction is a key public health strategy grounded in human rights.

MD-BIO

MD Bio MD-Bio is a leader in innovative diagnostic solutions, specializing in harm reduction test kits for emerging threats like Fentanyl, Nitazene and Xylazine detection, as well as advanced diagnostics for biothreats and emerging diseases. By combining cutting-edge technology with practical, field-ready tools, MD-Bio is at the forefront of safeguarding public health. From combating the opioid crisis to detecting critical pathogens, MD-Bio delivers reliable, accessible solutions that empower communities, healthcare providers, and first responders. Dedicated to innovation and impact, MD-Bio strives to protect lives and address the evolving challenges of global health.

**National Harm Reduction Coalition**

National Harm Reduction Coalition (NHRC) is a national advocacy and capacity-building organization dedicated to promoting the health, dignity, and rights of people who use drugs (PWUD) and communities affected by drug use. Through harm reduction policies, programs, and education, we work to mitigate the harms associated with drug use—including overdose, HIV, hepatitis C, stigma, and limited access to healthcare—while centering equity, justice, and the voices of those most impacted. Recognizing that social injustice, stigma, and systemic inequities amplify drug-related harm, NHRC actively fights for policies and practices that uphold every individual's right to healthcare, self-determination, and participation in public policy decisions.

**One-Use Harm Reduction Products**

One-Use Harm Reduction Products is a provider of a wide range of diagnostic, medical and non-medical products for syringe exchange services around the world. Working on the principles of harm reduction, we work with manufacturing partners to provide innovative products to help keep People Who Use Drugs safe from Infectious Diseases and an adulterated drug supply. We work with leading service providers in over a dozen countries to help protect the health and wellbeing of thousands of People Who Use Drugs every day.

**Open Society Foundations**

The **Open Society Foundations**, founded by George Soros, are the world's largest private funder of independent groups working for rights, equity, and justice. OSF work to build vibrant and inclusive democracies whose governments are accountable to their people.

**Remedy Alliance**

Remedy Alliance is a non-profit "business" that generates revenue from the sale of naloxone to funded programs. We are able to use these funds to re-invest in harm reduction work nationally without the restrictions of grant or government funding. Our model supports the long-term resilience and sustainability of harm reduction work. We ensure harm reduction programs have sustainable and equitable access to low-cost materials and innovations for distribution in their communities.

**Smoke Works**

Smoke Works advances health equity in harm reduction by making injection alternatives accessible at syringe access points.

**Support. Don't Punish**

Support. Don't Punish is a transnational campaign that harnesses people power to challenge harmful drug policies. By linking grassroots action and global advocacy, we support most affected communities in reclaiming power and building innovative, rights-affirming, and sustainable alternatives to the 'war on drugs'.



StoptheDrugWar.org StoptheDrugWar.org works for health and justice by seeking to end drug prohibition and its excesses, while positively impacting related issues. StoptheDrugWar.org is a primarily US-based organization that advocates on domestic drug policies and in the international sphere. We pick advocacy issues for which there are unfilled roles in which we and coalition partners can make a difference.

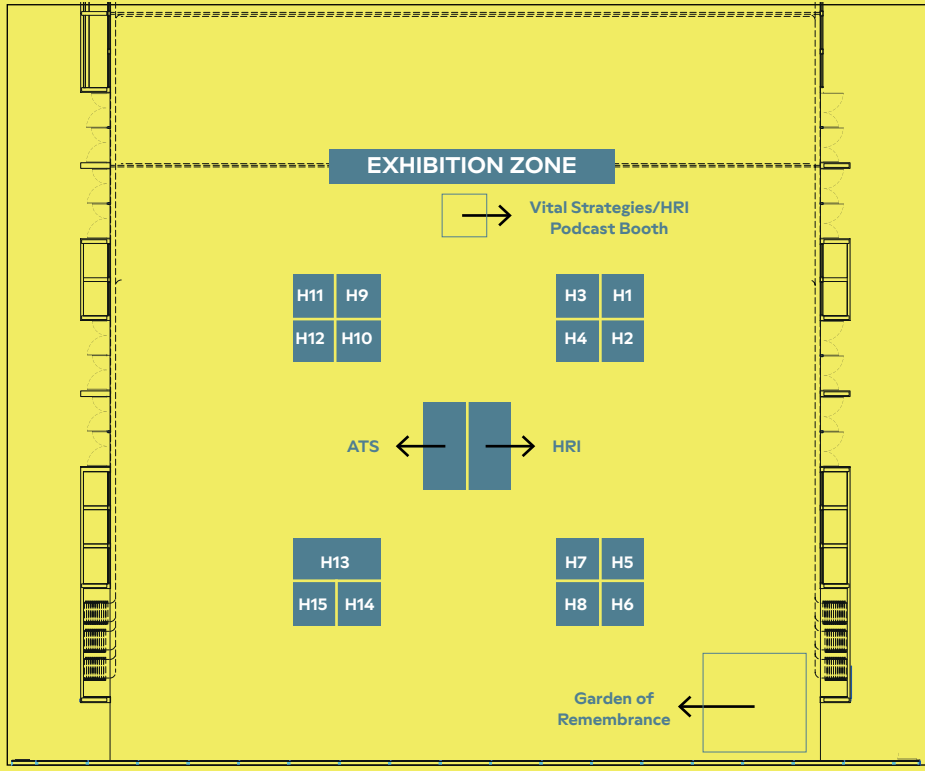


ViiV Healthcare ViiV Healthcare is a global specialist HIV company established in November 2009 by GSK and Pfizer dedicated to delivering advances in treatment and care for people living with HIV and for people who could benefit from prevention. Shionogi became a ViiV shareholder in October 2012. The company's aims are to take a deeper and broader interest in HIV and AIDS than any company has done before and take a new approach to deliver effective and innovative medicines for HIV treatment and prevention, as well as support communities affected by HIV. For more information on the company, its management, portfolio, pipeline, and commitment, please visit viivhealthcare.com.



Vital Strategies Vital Strategies is a global health organization that believes every person should be protected by a strong public health system. Our overdose prevention initiatives focus primarily in the United States, and aim to ensure equitable and sustainable reductions in overdose deaths by strengthening and scaling evidence-based, data-driven policies and interventions.

Exhibition Floorplan



5th floor

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Scholarships

Conferences are not easy to get to for many in our sector, so at each Harm Reduction International Conference we try to offer financial support to enable as many people as possible to attend, participate and present. This is crucial to ensuring that a balance is maintained in relation to representation at the conference and its continued relevance as a global forum to promote harm reduction as both a concept and in practice.

This can only happen with the generosity of donors, and this year we are tremendously thankful to Open Society Foundations, Remedy Alliance, the Colombian Ministry of Justice and Vital Strategies for their generous contributions to support general and media scholarships.

Thanks also to Camurus, who have supported this meeting through funding of a travel bursary for a UK-based speaker.

Special thanks to the inimitable Naomi Burke-Shyne for providing funds for the Latin American Center for Socio-Legal Studies (CESJUL) to attend HR25.

Naomi, we wish you were here.

Volunteers

HRI would like to recognise the important contribution of volunteers, without whom the conference would not be possible. We would like to offer our sincere gratitude to every single volunteer.



Scan this QR code to see the names of our brilliant volunteers.

Translation

Thank you to Silvie Ojeda and Humberto Rotondo for providing translation within very short timeframes. Special thanks to Humberto for the translation of this book.

Visas

HRI is acutely aware of the elitist, racist and exclusive systems surrounding visa applications. Diverse, global participation is critical to supporting a strong global drug policy reform movement, so we work hard to mitigate the challenges faced by delegates applying for visas.

For HR25, we were fortunate to have the support of William Morales of Dejusticia, who worked tirelessly to support delegates with visa applications.

Thank you also to Marcela Tovar Thomas for additional support with visas.



HARM REDUCTION AWARDS

Harm Reduction International presents a number of awards at our international conference to acknowledge the contributions of outstanding groups or individuals in the field.

International Rolleston Award

This award was first presented at the '3rd International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm' in Melbourne in 1992. Each year, it is given to an individual, group or organisation who has made an outstanding contribution to reducing harms from psychoactive substances at an international level.

The award is named after Sir Humphrey Rolleston, President of the Royal College of Physicians, who chaired the UK Departmental Committee on Morphine and Heroin Addiction.

In 1926, this committee concluded that the prescription of heroin or morphine could be regarded as legitimate medical treatment for those in whom withdrawal produces serious symptoms that cannot be treated satisfactorily under normal practice, and for those for who are able to lead a useful and fairly normal life so long as they take a certain non-progressive quantity of the drug but cease to be able to do so when the regular allowance is withdrawn. This decision epitomises a benign, pragmatic and humane approach to drug use, and was a landmark event in the history of harm reduction.

National Rolleston Award

This award was also presented for the first time at the '3rd International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm' in Melbourne in 1992. Each year, it is given to an individual, group or organisation for their outstanding contribution to reducing harm from psychoactive substances at a national level in the conference's host country.

Carol and Travis Jenkins Award

This award is presented at each conference to acknowledge the central contribution of people who use drugs to harm reduction.

The award was initially named after Travis Jenkins, the extraordinary jazz musician and composer who died of cancer in 2004. Travis Jenkins overcame heroin addiction and went on to marry and raise two sons, travel around the world with his anthropologist wife and create his music. Since 2009, the award has been renamed the Carol and Travis Jenkins Award in memory of Carol Jenkins, who worked for many years with the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research as a medical anthropologist, and was one of the leading instigators to setting up the National Aids Council. Carol Jenkins was renowned for her research into sexual behaviour and was a leading expert on HIV and AIDS. Equally important was her connection with the Hagahai people of Papua New Guinea, who were her second family.

Brooklyn McNeil Rae of Hope Award

The Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation (CDPE) launched the Brooklyn McNeil Rae of Hope Award at HR17 in Montreal, to honour the best scientific abstract in the area of harm reduction or drug policy. The aim of the award is to encourage high-quality scientific research to support evidence-based advocacy efforts in drug policy reform. The winner receives a waiver to publish in the peer-reviewed open-access Harm Reduction Journal, as well as €500.

The award is named after Brooklyn Rae McNeil, a vocal advocate for safer injection sites and a vital support in the lives of many people who use drugs in Toronto, Canada. As a harm reduction activist whose life was cut too short as a result of an opioid overdose, Brooklyn's spirit serves as an unwavering reminder of the need to conduct research and evidence-based advocacy to prevent the senseless loss of lives that could be avoided with drug policies grounded in evidence and human rights.

The Gill Bradbury Award for Excellence in Service Provision

This award is named for Gill Bradbury, who passed away in 2020. Gill was our inimitable Conference Medical Coordinator.

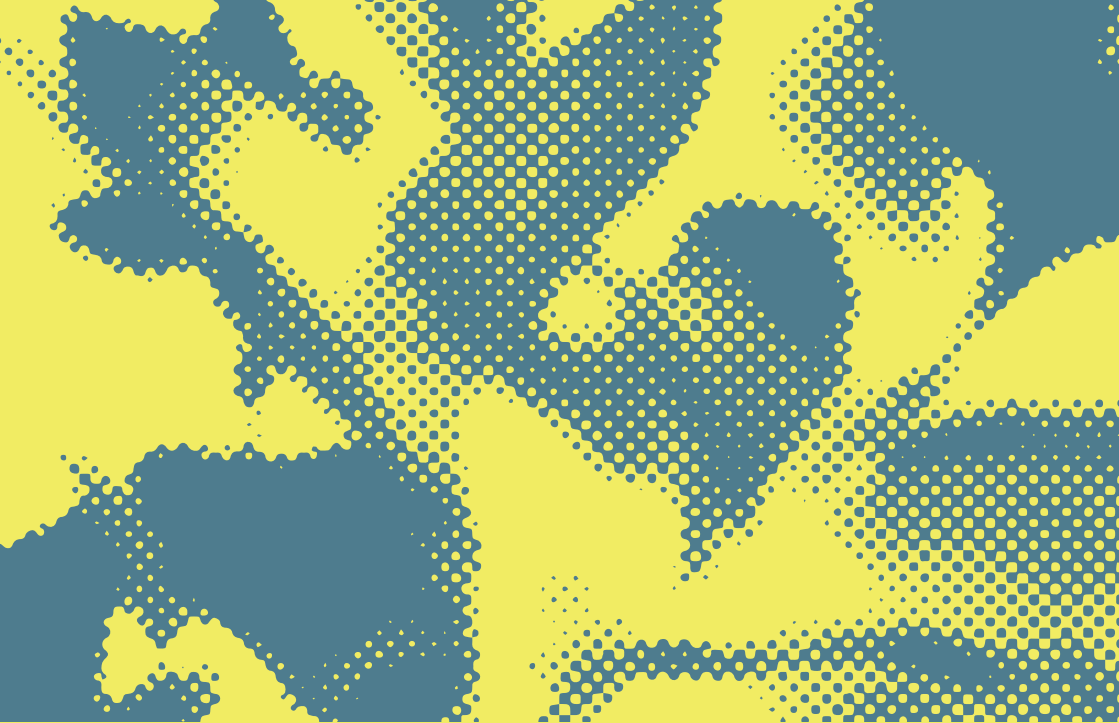
A force of nature, Gill was brilliant to work with. Gill went above and beyond to care for our delegates. Despite always being on duty, Gill was the life and soul of the after-hours party. Gill is irreplaceable at our conference and in our hearts.

The Gill Bradbury Award will be awarded to an individual, group or organisation providing excellent services to people who use drugs.

The International Rolleston, National Rolleston, Carol and Travis Jenkins and Gill Bradbury awards will be presented at the Opening Ceremony.

The Brooklyn McNeil Rae of Hope Award will be presented at the Closing Ceremony.





INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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Venue

HRI is thrilled to be holding HR25 in Bogotá, Colombia.

The Ágora Bogotá Convention Center has everything a conference could need. It is inspired by principles of transparency and luminosity. Marrying comfort and practicality, its spaces are integrated with the spectacular mountains that surround Bogotá.

We hope that this venue plan will assist you in navigating your way around the centre. Should you have any problems, or require any additional information, please ask one of the conference staff or volunteers, or visit the registration desk.

Ágora Bogotá Convention Centre
Ac. 24 #38-47, Bogotá
Colombia

Registration

The registration desk is located on the ground floor. Event management staff and volunteers will serve this desk at the following times:

- Sunday 27 April: 13:00-18:00
- Monday 28 April: 08:30-17:00
- Tuesday 29 April: 09:00-17:00
- Wednesday 30 April: 09:00-12:00

Conference delegates must wear their badges at all times in order to gain access to the conference sessions and exhibition areas, as well as to the conference networking and social events.

Conference volunteers and venue security will not allow anyone to enter the conference venue without a valid badge.

If you have mislaid your badge, please contact the registration desk.

HR25 Conference App and Online Platform

The Harm Reduction International Conference is about much more than the presentation of information. Our gathering is about connections; it's about solidarity. It's about site visits and remembrance spaces and puzzling things out together in the Dialogue Space. We can't fully recreate those things online.

But if there's one thing we've all learnt over the last couple of years, it's that online equals access.

All onsite delegates can access the virtual platform through the conference app – as well as building your personalised programme, accessing sessions virtually (live or recorded) and reading more about speakers, you can also use the app to make connections with virtual delegates accessing the conference online across the globe.

You can log into the app using this QR code.



Wordly

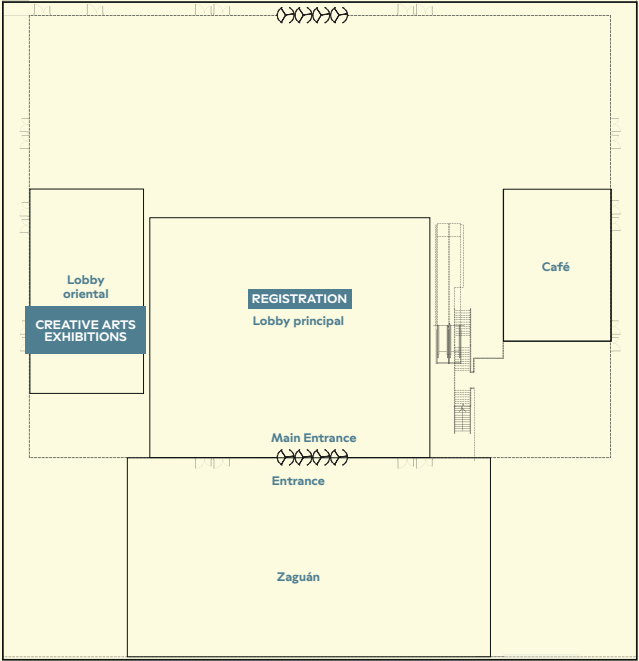
For the first time, we will be offering translation through Wordly. Wordly is an AI translation and captioning service for events. It works across event formats and provides both text and audio translations through your phone. You can find out more about how to use Wordly by following this QR code.



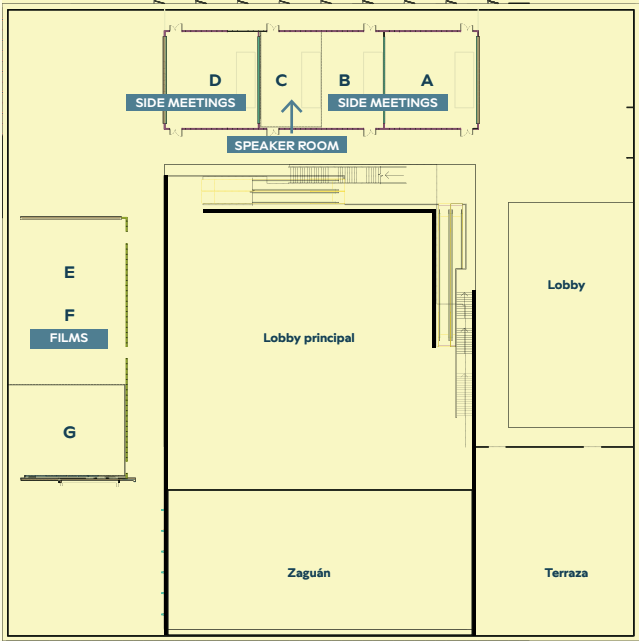
Several sessions will have simultaneous interpretation using professional interpreters.

These sessions are clearly marked on the programme. For sessions with no translation, consider using Google Translate.

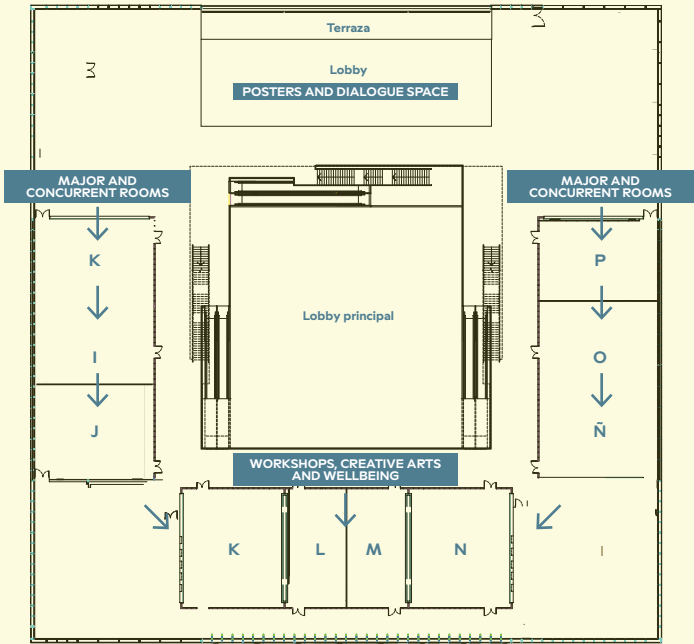
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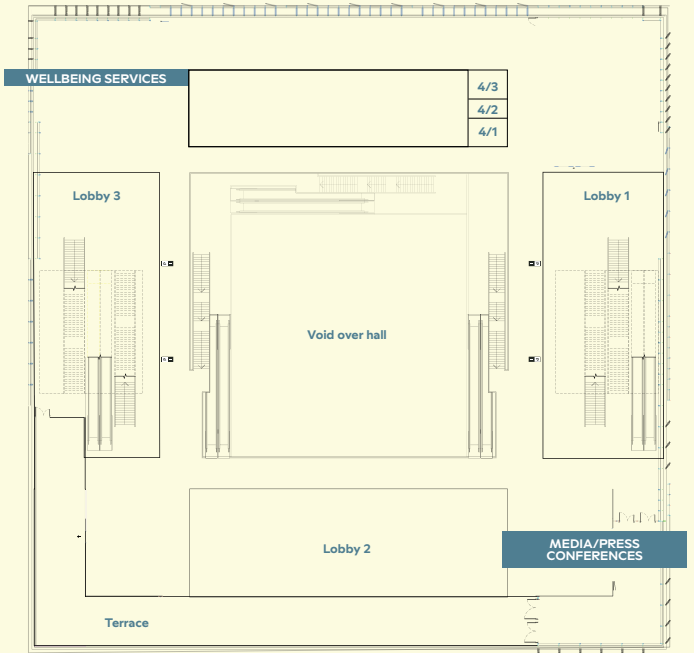
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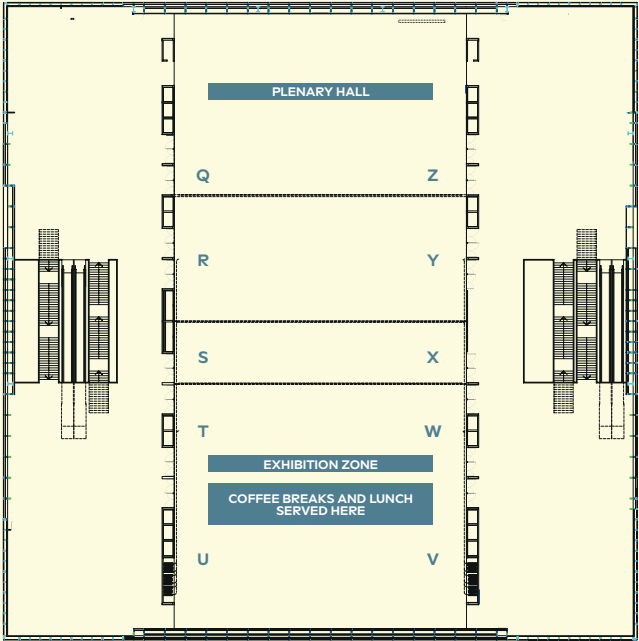
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5th floor



Welcome Reception

All delegates are invited to the welcome reception in the exhibition zone on floor 5 of Agora, which will take place on Sunday 27 April from 18.30 to 20.00, following the Opening Ceremony. This is an opportunity to meet other delegates, renew old acquaintances and make new ones in an informal atmosphere.

HR25 Socials

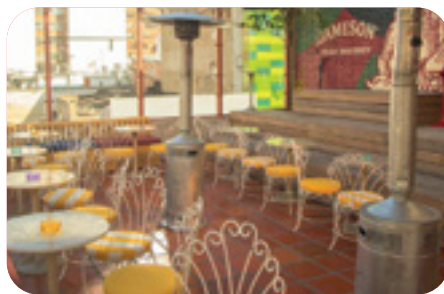
ATS invites you to join a small Latin American gathering at 'la casa' of Échele Cabeza.

- Date: Monday 28 April
- Time: 18.00-23.00
- Address: Calle 33 Nro. 19-60 Barrio Teusaquillo.
- Cost: Free admission with conference badge – numbers limited, so arrive early.



Join HRI for an informal social gathering at O.D.E.M. (Observatorio Distrital del Exilio Musical), which is just a short ride away from Ágora. We have a large space reserved for delegates and will make for a relaxed evening - we really hope you can join us. A free drink and nibbles will be offered for everyone. Additionally, you will be able to purchase drinks and food at the venue. Good tunes will be delivered by Kid Watusi (Chusma Records) and Coops.

- Date: Tuesday 29 April
- Time: 18.30-22:00
- Address: Calle 63 #13-11, Bogotá, Colombia
- Cost: Free admission with conference badge – all are welcome!
- Transport: Coaches are free of charge and will depart twice to the venue; one at 18:30 from Ágora, and the second at 19:30 from Hilton Corferias. The return will be from O.D.E.M. To Hilton Corferias at 22:30 and 23:30.



Getting Around Bogotá

Bogotá Convention Bureau have prepared some useful local travel information for delegates, which you can read by scanning this QR code:



Medical And Harm Reduction Services: Wellbeing Room

Comprehensive medical and healthcare services will be provided by a small team of skilled volunteers. The wellbeing room is situated in the VIP room on the fourth floor (see map on p. 32).

All wellbeing team volunteers can be easily identified as they will be wearing yellow t-shirts when on duty.

A range of medical facilities are provided, including:

- Primary healthcare (for acute, non-serious health issues/minor injuries/basic first aid)
- Harm reduction services (a needle and syringe programme, safe disposal of injecting equipment and harm reduction advice as required)
- Condoms
- Naloxone and prescribing of OST (subject to prior arrangement)

We will also be able to offer a quiet space for 'time out' or breastfeeding.

The service is confidential and you are welcome to drop in (between 09.00 and 18.00) if you are experiencing any physical (or mental) health-related problems. A brief consultation and health assessment is undertaken to determine your specific need. You may then be treated onsite or referred on for specialist treatment if required.

Please see the medical services section of the website if you require more details and please email medical@hri.global.

Thank you to Remedy Alliance, Apothicom and Exchange Supplies for providing equipment for HR25's harm reduction services.

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference and hope your time here is happy, healthy and safe.

Wifi

WiFi is free of charge and can be found in all areas of the conference venue.

- Network Name: HR25
- Password: welovehr

Cloakroom

There are cloak room services located on the ground floor of Ágora.

Speakers

All speakers who have not yet done so, **MUST** upload their presentation slides in the Speakers Room at least 12 hours before their session. Speakers **WILL NOT** be able to upload their presentations in the session room.

The Speakers Room can be located in room 2/C (floor 2, room C). It will be open as follows:

- Sunday 27 April: 15:00-17:00
- Monday 28 April: 09:00-17:00
- Tuesday 29 April: 09:00-17:00
- Wednesday 30 April: 09:00-11:00

Speakers are advised to give a meaningful acknowledgment of country before making their presentation. For more information please visit: HR25.hri.global/Indigenous-australia.

Posters

All posters will be presented electronically, as ePosters, in the lobby of floor 3, next to the Dialogue Space. The presentation of ePosters will be carried out using the ePostersLive system, which supports on-demand, automated presentation of ePosters on large LED displays.

Attendees can search and review any poster, any time during the conference, and will also be available to view online after the event. We hope you will find the viewing process simple

and intuitive and enjoy the ePoster experience.

The prime time for viewing will be during the coffee and lunch breaks and we would ask that all those exhibiting their work try to be available at least during these times to answer any questions delegates might have about their exhibits. Alternatively, please make sure you're available via the conference app (SpotMe) to answer questions or to arrange meetings to discuss your poster.

Details of all Posters are set out from pages 83 to 89 below.

Dialogue Space

Since the 21st International Harm Reduction Conference in Liverpool in 2010, the Dialogue Space has become an integral and vibrant element of the conference.

Supported again this year by Viiv Healthcare, the Dialogue Space is located in the exhibition area and consists of a programme of presentations and discussions that take place in parallel to the formal conference programme.

Please see the Dialogue Space programme, which runs alongside the full programme on pages 59 to 82, for full details.

Dialogue Space is sponsored by:



Workshops

A full programme of workshops now forms an important part of the conference.

Please see the Workshop programme, which runs alongside the full programme, on pages 59 to 82 for full details. Room numbers are marked on the programme.

Arrive early – there are limited places available at workshops, provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so please make sure you get to the room early if you would like to participate.

Exhibition Area

This year's exhibition is on the fifth floor, next to the plenary hall. Here delegates will find a diverse selection of exhibitors. We really hope that you will take the time to visit all the booths and to check out the latest news from our supporting organisations.

Expanding the Conversation: Digital Content Creators at HR25

Harm Reduction International and Vital Strategies are launching an exciting new initiative at HR25, bringing together a network of digital content creators from Latin America and North America - both in person and virtually.

With a dedicated podcast studio in the exhibition space, these creators will capture powerful stories and conversations from the conference, transforming them into engaging content that reaches audiences far beyond Bogotá. By leveraging digital platforms, this project will amplify the voices of advocates, bringing new perspectives and communities into the global harm reduction movement.



**Vital
Strategies**

Garden of Remembrance

As a movement, we have lost a shocking number of our people. Our work is characterised by loss and grief. We have created an indoor garden of remembrance in the exhibition zone. Please feel free to go and spend some time there to honour the friends, colleagues and heroes that are no longer with us.

Creative Arts

For HR25, we are lucky to be able to exhibit work from artists involved in harm reduction around the world. Have a browse through their work in the ground floor foyer and in the exhibition zone. You can find details of the creative arts exhibitions on pages 51 to 56.

Lunchtime Reels: Stories That Matter

Visit room 2/EF for our lunchtime film programme. You can find details of the films on page 57.

Also, join the Échele Cabeza team for the launch of this year's Psychoactive Shorts Festival (The Future of Drugs) – room 2/EF, Wednesday at 14:30.

Coffee Breaks

From Monday to Wednesday coffee and tea will be served throughout the venue at 11:00 and 16:00.

Lunch

Lunch will be served for all delegates at 13.00, in the exhibition zone. With 1000+ people to be served, please be advised that it may take some time, but rest assured that there will be enough food for all!

Media

All media and press matters are handled by Michael Kessler, HRI's media consultant. He can be contacted in the Media Room, which is located in the executive terrace on floor 4. Press Conferences will be held in the same space.

- Email: michael.kessler@inton-media.com
- Mobile: +34 655 792 699
- Skype: mickgpi
- Twitter: @mickessler

Code of Practice

This code of conduct outlines our expectations for all participants' behaviour at HR25, including – but not limited to – media, sponsors, volunteers, speakers and attendees to all conference venues and any conference-related activity. All attendees at the conference are required to agree with the following code of conduct. Organisers will enforce this code throughout the event.

At Harm Reduction International we are committed to providing a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for all, regardless of gender and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof), or technology choices. We expect all attendees

to behave accordingly, addressing other participants in an inclusive, mindful and respectful manner.

Due to the sensitive topics that will be discussed during the conference, it is crucial to consider that some of the speakers or participants may have lived experienced of violence and discrimination. Therefore, we invite all sponsors, volunteers, speakers, attendees, media, exhibitors and other participants to help us make HR25 a safe and positive experience for everyone.

Before attending the conference, we ask you to please read Harm Reduction International's anti-racist pledge – our commitment to anti-racist practice and the re-structuring of unequal racial power dynamics – by scanning this QR code:



Expected behaviour

- Be considerate and respectful
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behaviour and speech
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow attendees
- Alert conference organisers if you experience or notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress

Unacceptable behaviour

- Unacceptable behaviour includes: intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory or demeaning conduct by any attendees of HR25 and related events
- Harassment includes: offensive verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, disability; harassing photography or recording; sustained disruption of talks or other events; inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention

- Physical, written, verbal or other abuse, intimidation, threats, annoyance, harassment, stalking, pushing, shoving or use of any physical force whatsoever against any person, which in any way creates a disturbance that is disruptive or dangerous, or creates anxiety in a person
- Any boisterous, lewd or offensive behaviour or language, including but not limited to using sexually explicit or offensive language, materials or conduct, or any language, behaviour or content that contains profanity, obscene gestures, or racial, gender or religious slurs
- Assembling for the purpose of, or resulting in, disturbing the peace, or committing any unlawful act or engaging in any offensive behaviour
- Failure to obey any rules or regulations of the venue

Consequences of unacceptable behaviour

- Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated
- Anyone asked to stop unacceptable behaviour is expected to comply immediately
- If a participant continues to engage in unacceptable behaviour after being given a warning, the conference organisers may take any action they deem appropriate, up to and including expulsion from the conference without warning or refund

What to do if you witness or are a victim of unacceptable behaviour

- If you are subjected to unacceptable behaviour, notice that someone else is being subjected to unacceptable behaviour, or have any other concerns during the event, please notify a member of the HRI team as soon as possible. All reports will remain completely confidential
- The HRI team will be available to assist those experiencing unacceptable behaviour to feel safe for the duration of the conference



SIDE MEETINGS

Sunday 27 April

Networking Zone,
Floor 2 Lobby
14:00-15:30

Youth Caucus

A space for young delegates to gather and connect before the conference gets underway, facilitated by the Paradigma Coalition.

The Paradigma Coalition is a global network of youth-led and youth-focused organisations, as well as young people who use drugs, that centre harm reduction and human rights in working to amplify the voices of young people in support of efforts to end the War on Drugs.

Monday 28 April

11:15-12:45
Room: 2/A

Brazilian Perspectives on Drug Policy Reform and Harm Reduction

Brazilian Harm Reduction and Human Rights Network (REDUC)

This panel will explore innovative Brazilian perspectives and practices related to harm reduction, drug policy reform, public health and human rights. Experts from leading organizations will discuss programs, groundbreaking research, and harm reduction initiatives in various Brazilian territories.

Presentations:

- ***Harm Reduction Experiences Across Brazilian Territories***
Panelists will share experiences and lessons learned from frontline harm reduction initiatives implemented in diverse Brazilian contexts, highlighting successes, challenges and community impacts:
 - Recife: Priscila Gadelha (Escola Livre de Redução de Danos)
 - Rio de Janeiro: Vanda Canuto (Espaço Normal)
 - São Paulo: Ana Luiza (Ê de Lei)
 - ***Drugs: The Economic and Social Costs of Prohibition***
Julita Lemgruber (Center for Studies on Public Security and Citizenship – CESeC) will present findings from the pivotal research ‘Drugs, How Much Does It Cost to Prohibit?’, detailing the financial, social and human costs associated with drug prohibition policies in Brazil.
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- ***Drug Policy, Public Health, and Human Rights Initiatives***
This presentation will highlight Fiocruz's institutional efforts to address drug policy through a human rights-based public health lens, emphasizing innovative research, capacity building and policy advocacy:
 - Ana Paula Guljor (Drug Policy Program/Fiocruz)
 - ***Perspectives on Crack and Basuco Use Scenes in São Paulo, Brazil, and Bogotá, Colombia***
Thiago Calil (FCT/UNESP) will explore perspectives on crack and basuco use scenes in São Paulo, Brazil, and Bogotá, Colombia, analyzing social contexts, challenges, and the potential for harm reduction interventions.
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13:00-14:30
Room: 2/A

Workshop: Addressing Gender Based Violence (GBV) among Women and People of Diverse Gender Identity and Expression who Use Drugs

Fariba Soltani, UNODC

Of the world's estimated 296 million people who use drugs, 25-47% are women, depending on the substance and region. Women who inject drugs represent around 19% of the estimated 13.2 million people who inject drugs. There is a strong likelihood that these population size calculations are underestimated, given the marginalization of women who use drugs, the paucity of appropriate services for them, and the resultant data gaps.

There are pronounced and well-documented bidirectional associations between gender-based violence (GBV) and HIV among women who use drugs, sex workers, trans women and young women. Punitive laws and policies, harmful gender norms and stereotypes, gender inequalities, marginalization, over-incarceration, and other barriers to accessing services combine to amplify the risk of HIV transmission among these key populations and reduce their access to testing and treatment.

Learning objectives

Identify the visible and invisible forms of violence, and characteristics of abusive relationships

- Discuss the relationships among gender, drug use power and control
- Discuss the differences and similarities in how various countries addressed (or did not address) issues related to gender-based violence among women who and people of diverse gender identity and expression who use drugs
- Analyze violence by adopting a gender perspective

This event aims to raise awareness of the scope and scale of GBV, experienced by these key populations, and the connection between GBV and the HIV epidemic among them. The event will highlight practical responses to violence that can be adopted by providers of HIV prevention services.

13:00-14:30
Room: 2/B

Lunch for Delegates and Indigenous Communities from Around the World

This is an event and a meeting point for delegates, representatives and Indigenous communities to get to know each other and spend a close and informal moment of solidarity among Indigenous peoples from different parts of the world.

The event will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences, not only at a professional level - within the framework of the topics to be discussed at HR25 - but also at a community and spiritual level.

13:00-14:30
Networking Space,
Floor 2 Lobby

Canadian Meet-Up

CATIE

This networking session will be an opportunity to connect with other Canadians at HR25, whether it's new faces or reconnecting with familiar ones.

When you arrive, a CATIE staffer will welcome you and can introduce you to others at the session if needed. This will be an informal drop-in session, so feel free to stay for as long, or as little as you like!

CATIE is Canada's knowledge broker for hepatitis C, HIV and harm reduction. We bridge research and practice to connect service providers with the latest science and promote good practices for prevention and treatment programs.

13:00-14:30
Room: 2/D

We Don't Just Work in Drug Policy, We Are Also Women Who Use Drugs

Instituto RIA, AC

Within drug policy, women who use substances have historically been invisible, even within harm reduction and activism spaces. This gathering, within the margins of HR25, seeks to generate an open dialogue about the intersections between being a woman, working in drug policy, and having personal experiences with substance use addressing self and collective care.

Through honest and horizontal dialogue, we will explore the challenges, stigmas, and contradictions we face, as well as the ways in which our personal experience strengthens our work, practices, research and perspectives. This will be a space for recognition, support, and the collective construction of strategies to redefine our identities within the larger harm reduction movement.

15:00-16:30
Room: 2/A

Drug Policy in Colombian Congress

Elementa, Dejusticia and Fundación Ideas para la Paz

The Colombian Congress of the Republic has been an arena where some legislators have been trying for years to reform the prohibitionist drug policy.

This conversation seeks to understand the motivations of the congressmen and congresswomen who have been leading the projects and debates to open the door to the regulation of adult use of cannabis, the inclusion of risk and harm reduction as a national policy on drug use, and even the possibility of regulating an eventual cocaine market in the country.

- Moderator: Paula Aguirre Ospina - Elementa
 - Congress participants: Juan Carlos Losada, Daniel Carvalho, Maria José Pizarro and Maria del Mar Pizarro
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15:00-16:30
Room: 2/B

High-Level Panel: North America & Latin America: Diverging Paths in Drug Policy and Harm Reduction

As North America grapples with rising overdose crises, policy stagnation, and pushback against harm reduction efforts, Latin America faces its own complex challenges – ranging from the lasting impacts of prohibition to innovative community-led responses. This high-level session brings together policymakers and those front line to examine the stark contrasts and shared struggles across the regions. What lessons can North America learn from Latin American approaches to drug policy? How are shifting political landscapes shaping responses on both continents? Join this vital discussion to explore the successes, setbacks, and urgent next steps in shaping evidence-based, humane drug policies.

Esteemed speakers will be Amb. Laura Gil, Louise Arbour, Sam Rivera, Rebeca Calzada, Inés Elvira Mejía Motta and Ernesto Cortés.

The session will be chaired by Jacqui Thornton of The Lancet.

15:00-16:30
Room: 2/D

Alternative sources of funding for harm reduction: How Do We Ensure That Harm Reduction Is Financially Sustainable? A high-level dialogue

Colombian Government

Colombia, like many countries in the world, faces the difficulty of ensuring sufficient and continuous funding for harm reduction. This has been documented in various ways and in recent assessments. It is very important to make progress in consolidating more continuous and sustained sources of funding. One of the options explored by the Country is public health resources which, as they are administered by hospitals and public health networks, have a health-related and limited social scope, as well as a community-based nature. There are also limited resources due to competing public health priorities. As things stand, it is important to make progress in putting on the agenda an open dialogue on the financing of harm reduction in the Region and also on the importance of reviewing the balance between supply and demand actions, as historically there has been a notable imbalance and a significant underfunding of actions to reduce demand.

18:00-19:30
Networking Space, Floor 2
Lobby

Latinx/e Harm Reductionists Meetup and Strategy Session

Puerto Rico Harm Reduction Solidarity Network

The Puerto Rico Harm Reduction Solidarity Network will be hosting a global meetup and strategy session for Latine harm reductionists to connect to begin discussions about the importance of establishing a process to develop a collaboration between global south and north Latine harm reductionists as well begin strategy conversations to structure and eventually launch a Global Latine Harm Reduction Network.

If you identify as a latinx/e harm reductionist, please consider joining our session to share good company, food and drinks. We want to connect and build community with you!

Tuesday, 29 April

11:15-12:45
Room: 2/A

Confronting the backlash against progressive drug policies: Developing a strategy to support drug decriminalization and harm reduction efforts in the US, Canada, and beyond

Canadian Drug Policy Coalition/Drug Policy Alliance

Decriminalization, harm reduction services, and other health-centered policies and interventions for people who use drugs have come under recent attack in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere. These concerted attacks pose severe threats to the people we advocate for and to the progress made toward drug policies based in health and human rights.

Join us to discuss recent victories and losses in the face of backlash against health-centered drug policies and interventions. We will explore lessons learned and begin to develop a plan for how to better collaborate, fight back, and regain momentum for progressive drug policies.

13:00-14:30
Room: 2/A

The US Government, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction – Taking Stock

Drug Policy Alliance/Harm Reduction International

Join the Drug Policy Alliance and Harm Reduction International to take stock of the recent US Government actions and the impacts and implications for harm reduction around the world (domestically and internationally).

The influence of the US Government on drug policy around the world has been unparalleled, spending USD 13 billion on “counternarcotics” activities internationally from 2015-2024. But the U.S. has also been an important funder for harm reduction in low- and middle-income countries.

The recent Executive Orders and resultant funding cuts have caused chaos and led to programme disruptions and closures in many countries. This is the space to come and take stock of the current situation and discuss ways to support each other and respond.

13:00-14:30
Room: 2/B

Overview of Supervised Consumption Rooms (DCR/OPC) at a Global Level

Corporación Acción Técnica Social (ATS)

To exchange knowledge and experiences from different supervised consumption rooms at a global level (Latin America, USA, Canada, Europe and Africa) to show the similarities or differences required by the context, and to identify the various achievements, challenges, risks and opportunities that arise in the implementation and operation of these services. A discussion table with guiding questions is expected to be held, moderated by one of the expert participants.

13:00-14:30
Room: 2/D

Power To The Grassroots: How to Create Systemic Change with Limited Resources

QLatinx

QLatinx have created a roadmap to systemic change for grassroots organizations. This framework is based on the work that QLatinx has done in Central Florida to bring harm reduction resources to the LGBTQ+ community who engages in Chemsex. The event will cover how to overcome challenges including lack of funding, how to work with people who use drugs while accommodating their needs, how to get community buy in and how to gain the trust of the population you wish to serve.

14:30-16:00
Room: 3/P

HR23 Legacy

Nick Kent & Gaby Bruning, Harm Reduction Victoria

Since hosting HR23 in Naarm/Melbourne in 2023, Harm Reduction Victoria has been very busy! Being able to showcase the global harm reduction community's impact to our friends, peers and colleagues at home, has contributed to significant progression for Victoria's peer-based drug user organisation. This session will include reflections on the opportunities and challenges that have come from working with a state government to expand harm reduction services in the state following HR23; including 'living-experience' and First Nations led reviews of the opioid pharmacotherapy system, introduction of drug checking services, expansion of naloxone access, development of an AOD strategy and the rejection of a second injecting room. We will introduce how HRVic is adapting to ensure the voices of people who use drugs remain centred, before opening up for discussion about the challenges and opportunities of navigating sometimes "permissive" institutional spaces and mainstream politics as harm reductionists.

15:00-16:30
Room: 2/A

Open meeting of substance analysis programs to discuss achievements, challenges, obstacles, and collaborations

Corporación Acción Técnica Social (ATS), Alliance for Collaborative Drug Checking (ACDC), Red Latinoamericana de Analisis de Sustancias, TEDI – Trans-European Drug Information Project

This is a meeting convened by the three main substance analysis networks in the world—North America, Europe, and Latin America—to bring together as many people and organizations as possible that conduct or wish to conduct analysis. The group will explore the achievements, challenges and obstacles of analysis services, as well as principles and values, and foster collaboration. A final statement is expected to be produced from this meeting.

15:00-16:30
Room: 2/B

What is broad-spectrum harm reduction, how is it implemented, and what challenges does it present?

Colombian Government

One of the paradigmatic changes in National Policy is a more social approach to harm reduction, integrating a view of social determinants, intersectional and gender approaches and the reduction of vulnerabilities and promotion of social inclusion. It is essential to lay a solid foundation of what this entails and its scope. It is also important to establish possible paths for its consolidation in the territories where consumption rooms already operate, one in a consolidation phase and another in a piloting phase.

15:00-16:30
Room: 2/D

An Amefrican harm reduction to address prohibitionism

Drugs and Democracy Institute of America

Amefrica names the Afro-Indigenous heritage of a region marked by colonial processes, characterized mainly by torture, humiliation, and the ethnocide of Afro-Indigenous cultures for the imposition of a Latin America dominated by white supremacy. We seek to honour the memory of the intellectual legacy of Lélia Gonzalez who, instead of referencing our continent with a Portuguese coloniser, reclaims the Afro-Indigenous influence and changes the way we name our region: we are Amefricans.

Prohibitionism once again teaches the theatre of colonial horror through the submission of a culture of repression and prohibition against the ancestral cultures of healing through our anti-colonial inventions. We believe that the path to recovery through harm reduction from our communities and inventiveness is crucial. Therefore, the main task of the space is to present African and anti-colonial harm reduction practices.

- Luana Malheiro - Instituto Amefricano, Brazil
- Ingrid Farias - Instituto Amefricano, Brazil
- Dayana Blanco – Ilex, Colombia
- Evelyn Paz – Lanpud, Ecuador

Wednesday, 30 April

09:30-13:00

Clínica La Paz, Cra 69 #12-75,
Kennedy, Bogotá

From the Community to the Clinic: Strategies for Harm Reduction in Drug Use

Corporación Acción Técnica Social, Colombian Psychiatric Association, Clínica Nuestra Señora de La Paz, Clínica Campo Victoria, Rosarista Center for Mental Health

Clínica La Paz is one of the most recognized mental health and drug use treatment clinics in Colombia. We will take the conference outside of the Ágora, to doctors and psychiatrists in their territory, and raise awareness about harm reduction and bring the topic closer to the clinical perspective.

11:30-13:00

Room 3/N:

Workshop: Feminist Approaches to SRHR and Harm Reduction for Women and Youth Who Use Drugs

IPPF International Planned Parenthood Federation

Join IPPF International Planned Parenthood Federation Member Associations and partners for an engaging, participatory workshop that explores the critical intersection of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and harm reduction for women and young people who use drugs. This session will challenge stigma, highlight feminist-led advocacy, and showcase innovative harm reduction approaches from diverse regional contexts.

Through interactive discussions, real-world case studies, and collaborative strategy-building, participants will examine the barriers faced by women and youth who use drugs in accessing SRHR services and explore solutions for more inclusive and rights-based programs. Key themes will include community-driven harm reduction, youth leadership, and feminist advocacy in challenging discriminatory policies and expanding access to healthcare.

Facilitated by Luca Stevenson (IPPF), this session features insights from grassroots leaders and harm reduction advocates, including Nandini Thapa (South Asia), Samuel Yemeh Koroma (Sierra Leone), Naomi Solanke (Liberia), Rosma Karlina (Indonesia), and Baby Virgarose Nurmaya (Indonesia).

Whether you're a harm reduction practitioner, SRHR advocate, or community leader, this workshop offers a unique space to learn, connect, and take action toward a feminist and inclusive approach to harm reduction.

Panelists:

- Nandini Thapa, The Regional Network of Women who Use Drugs (South Asia Region)
- Samuel Yemeh Koroma, Youth and Communication Officer, Planned Parenthood Association of Sierra Leone
- Naomi Solanke, Founder/Executive Director at Community Healthcare Initiative INC (Liberia)
- Rosma Karlina, PKBI (Indonesian Family Planning Association) & Spinn (Indonesia)
- Baby Virgarose Nurmaya, PKBI (Indonesian Family Planning Association) & Spinn (Indonesia)

Facilitator:

Luca Stevenson, Global Lead Community Engagement and Partnerships (IPPF)

13:00-14:30

Room: 2/A

Join the Campaign to Divest from Punitive Approaches and Invest in Justice!

Harm Reduction International

Join this session to hear more about the Divest/Invest campaign, to be inspired by compelling evidence and to hear about advocacy strategies employed around the world to call for a shift away from spending on punitive approaches to investing in approaches rooted in community, health and justice.

As harm reduction faces its most profound funding crisis to date and countries are deciding how to respond to funding gaps, this is an important moment to highlight the opportunities that divestment from punitive approaches and an investment in justice can bring.

13:00-14:30

Room: 2/B

Lunch provided

**Building Black Feminist Visions to End the Drug War/
Construcción de visiones feministas negras para poner fin a la
guerra contra las drogas**

Interrupting Criminalization/Drug Policy Alliance

Interrupting Criminalization and the Drug Policy Alliance invite participants interested in developing and advancing Black feminist transnational visions to end the drug war for a luncheon conversation and strategy session.

Join DPA Director Cassandra Frédérique and IC co-founder Andrea J. Ritchie to discuss the report and framework for action that emerged from our 2023 Building Black Feminist Visions to End the Drug War virtual transnational gathering, as well as new developments and needs in light of the U.S. government's expanding war on drugs and attacks on migrants domestically and internationally.

Join us for what promises to be an inspiring and generative transnational dialogue!

13:00-14:30

Room: 2/D

WHRIN Allies Meeting

Women and Harm Reduction International Network (WHRIN)

Facilitated by the WHRIN Advocacy Officer, this key gathering presents a unique opportunity for WHRIN allies to gather and share on issues impacting women and gender diverse people who use drugs in their country/region - in turn shaping WHRIN priorities and activity planning.

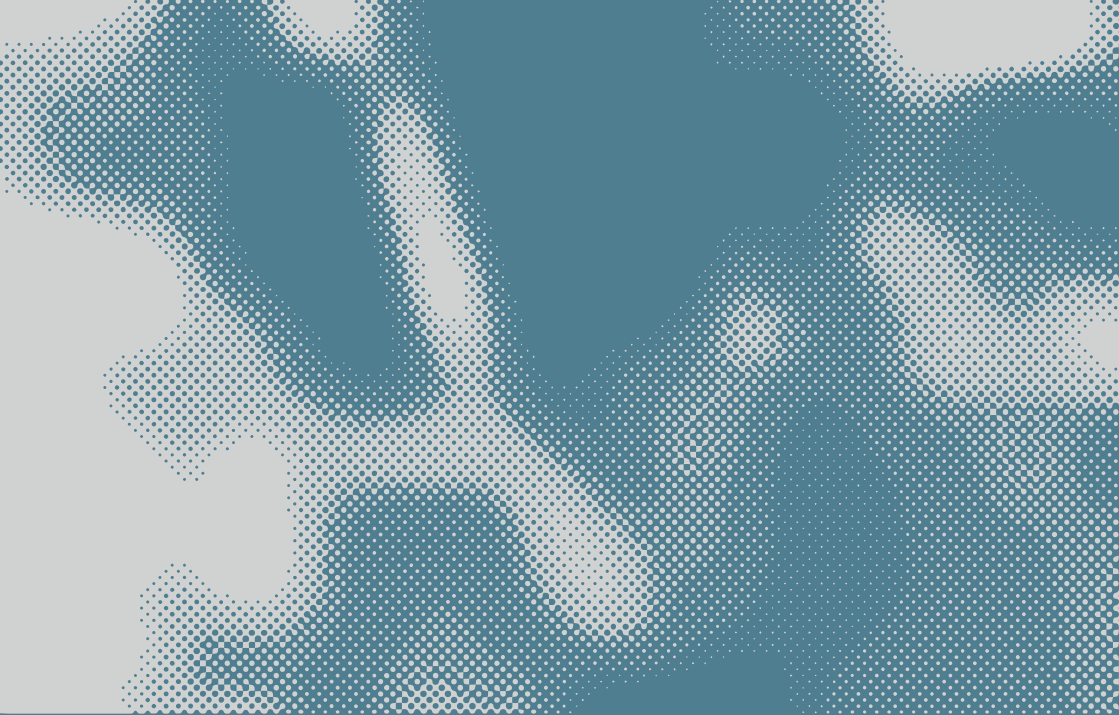
13:30-15:30

Room: 2/EF

**Launch of the XI Échele Cabeza Psychoactive Shorts Festival
2025: The Future of Drugs**

Join the Échele Cabeza team for the launch of this year's Psychoactive Shorts Festival!





CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAMME

Creative Arts – What's On?

Please visit these stunning exhibitions in the gallery space on the ground floor entrance foyer and in the exhibition zone.

Sartorial Solidarity: A Harm Reduction Fashion Archive

Curated by Martina Moreira Da Silva, Harm Reduction International

The Harm Reduction International Conference traces its history to the first International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm, held in Liverpool, England in 1990. In the 35 years since, our conferences have been places of learning and activism but also joy and expression in different forms. Movements aren't just a political statement. They are also a visual statement, and fashion plays a big part. Fashion tells the world a bit about us, and the way fashion evolves tells us a bit about the world.

"I've always admired the fashion statements of movements (HR and others), as they indeed document the journey through a different, and often unacknowledged, lens. The magic visual journey of the movement. It's such a beautiful journey of expression. The only consistent visual was (and is) its expression through radical fashion. Individual expression to the collective effort; that's a really important aspect of this journey."

- Barry Zack

Meeting People Where They Are At: Harm Reduction Stories from Around the Globe

Co-curated for the Harm Reduction International Conference 2025 by Rebeca Calzada, Ruby Lawlor and Rebeca Marques Rocha, Youth RISE, Alfonso Chavez Rivera, Prevencasa, Mexico and Dr Lisa Williams,

Department of Criminology, University of Manchester, UK.

This original exhibition brings to light the diverse experiences of people affected by drug policies, showcasing harm reduction initiatives, their impact, and the challenges they face. Young contributors (ages 18–30) from Latin America and beyond share their stories and images, offering personal perspectives on the realities of drug policy.

The exhibition also features powerful contributions from Bogotá-based harm reduction organizations Échele Cabeza and Cambie, alongside images from Alfonso Chavez Rivera's Fragmentos de una Frontera project and Lisa Williams' Behind Closed Doors project. By amplifying often unheard voices, this exhibition invites reflection on the human side of drug policy. Through photography and artwork, we explore complex policy debates, highlight grassroots harm reduction efforts, and emphasize their significance in Latin America and beyond.

Bosque de la Memoria

Bosque de la Memoria - "Forest of Memory"- is an initiative within the framework of the Colombian National Drug Policy 2023-2033. It was created with the intention of listening, destigmatizing, and dignifying communities and territories historically affected by drug trafficking and the war on drugs through the design and activation of a space for gathering, reflection, and memory-building.

The first phase of this initiative took place in early 2024 in San Andrés de Tumaco as part of the Peace and Hope Zones, a strategy for preventing vulnerabilities. The second phase was carried out in the Sucre neighborhood of Cali at the end of 2024 within the framework of the Social Innovation Laboratory, a harm reduction and social inclusion strategy in partnership with the European Union program COPOLAD III.

The methodological foundation used for these listening spaces and the participatory creation of new territorial narratives is titled "Imagining the Fire of Memory". This methodology was created, implemented, and adapted to the National Drug Policy Action Plan by the VIST Foundation and officials from Colombia's Ministry of Justice and Law.

REFORM: Drug Policy | RESTORE: Rights | RECOVER: Nature

There is a growing consensus to end drug prohibition. There is also a growing understanding of how prohibition is harming the environment and undermining climate governance and justice.

So, what are the alternatives?

Innovation and reforms in drug policy need to focus on reducing harm for everyone and everything involved along the entire value chain. People and landscapes in the producing and transit regions of the coca and cocaine market are often ignored, and their vulnerabilities - along with their skills - are rendered invisible.

How could innovative alternatives to the current illegal coca and cocaine trade enable both people and ecosystems to thrive? How could the principles of ecological harm reduction be applied?

A new coca and cocaine market must be designed with inherent stakeholder engagement to create a future that protects Indigenous and territorial rights, promotes sustainable livelihoods and agroecology, and delivers climate justice, while also reducing violence and corruption. This is no small task in the face of the climate emergency, but there is no time to waste.

Policy and law are often created in academic spaces or closed government rooms, where many perspectives are often ignored or missed. It is time to bring the design process for an alternative drug economy - one rooted in ecological harm reduction - into the civic and cultural space.

To do so, we need to inform and educate people about the production chain of this plant-based drug commodity and how it impacts different ecosystems and societies along this clandestine route.

The Drug Policy Reform and Environmental Justice International Coalition - a group of advocates, researchers, activists, artists, and journalists - has teamed up with VIST Projects and EasyDataViz to produce an interactive installation to design new drug policy. This installation will be launched at Harm Reduction International 2025 and is supported by the Kyktoon Foundation.

This interactive installation will spotlight 10 human and more-than-human actors from 10 different locations along the production and transit regions of the coca/cocaine value chain.

The proposed methodology will serve two purposes: while communicating the overall socio-environmental impacts and intersections of coca/cocaine prohibition on 10 stakeholders, it will also allow participants to step into the shoes of different stakeholders, experiencing a variety of perspectives, and inviting them to use their own knowledge to dream and design an alternative future for all.

The data and designs will then be compiled into a new REFORM-RESTORE-RECOVER policy package and presented at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, in November 2025.

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The Euphonies of a Feminist Harm Reduction

Tanagra Melgarejo

Latina, queer, feminist author Carmen Maria Machado opens her novel *In the Dream House*, talking to us about archives. She tells us “what is placed in or left out of the archive is a political act, dictated by the archivist and the political context in which she lives.” Within this white supremacist/colonialist/capitalist heteropatriarchy there are stories that are intentionally left out thus rendering them invisible structurally, socially and politically. Feminism is not an exception as it has its own official archives, where it stores narratives and trajectories that fit the norm of what it has deemed palatable and acceptable to be feminist: white, cis gendered, heterosexual and educated while choosing to ignore and keep out those that are considered “others” and “outliers”: women use drugs, engage in sex work, have trans and non-binary lived experience and/or are not born or part of the global north. This project seeks to address an important question presented to us by Machado in her book: how do we direct our record keeping toward justice?

We propose a space that acknowledges the testimony of those left out through an installation centered on the voice recordings of those pushed to the margins: women who engage in sex work, use drugs, believe in anti-carcer alternatives to punishment, are justice involved, who are non-native English speakers and are from the global south. Our goal is to build together an alternate archive that records and uplifts alternate voices and lived experiences so we can begin to “close the gaps where people never see themselves or find information about themselves, plug holes that make it impossible to give oneself context, fill the crevices that people like us fall into and give room to a cacophony of voices that when brought from the margin to the center becomes a whole being.”

Using a Graphic Novel to Break Through Stigma

Ernst WISSE, Céline Debaulieu

MdM published a graphic novel to help break through stigma. Currently available in all French bookstores, we are preparing an english version,

and maybe Spanish.

We collaborated with the author Mat Let. Here the discription of the book:

Between 2021 and 2022, Mat Let immersed himself in the world of the drug consumption room in Paris, seeking to reveal the truths behind a place that sparks heated debate, media sensationalism, and controversy.

Immersed in the daily reality behind the doors — from the dedicated team at Gaïa, the association running the facility, to the users themselves — Mat Let sheds light on a service that is often misunderstood. By following the Gaïa team into the open drug scenes where they offer harm reduction services, including medical care and social support, he highlights the stark contrast between drug scenes with and without a drug consumption room.

Created in partnership with Médecins du Monde, À Moindres Risques gives an honest look into a service that is often misunderstood and misrepresented in the media. Mat Let shows a place not defined by despair, but by humanity.

Pictures of Chemsex: At the Heart of a Political Intimacy

Marie Dos Santos, Perrine Roux, Gabriel Girard, Vincent Castelas, Vincent Leclercq, Martin Py, Hippolyte Regnault, Tim Madesclaire

Background: Chemsex is a concept that emerged in the 2000s to describe group sexual activities under the influence of psychoactive substances, primarily among men who have sex with men (MSM). Originally stemming from MSM community, this term has since been adopted by public health authorities, who have developed indicators aimed at reducing risks among these populations, particularly related to infections and psycho-social issues. However, these indicators often fail to account for the cultural dynamics and emotional aspects that characterize chemsex practices.

Methodology: This research employed the photovoice methodology associated with semi-directive interviews. Twenty participants were recruited and took part in the initial workshops. Fifteen participants ultimately returned their cameras and participated in a qualitative interview lasting between one and four hours.

Results: A diversity of practices and meanings associated with drug use in sexual contexts were observed. These uses tend to polarize around two main axes.

1. The first axis concerns the normative frameworks surrounding drug use: while some participants perceive their practices as predominantly pathological, others frame them through the lens of pleasure and enjoyment.
2. The second axis addresses the level of social integration. Some participants describe their chemsex practices as fostering or deepening their sense of belonging within a community, while others express feelings of disconnection, recounting experiences of loneliness and isolation in their engagement with chemsex.

Conclusion: The photographs, along with the accompanying testimonies, offer a nuanced understanding of the complexity of chemsex practices within a heteronormative and drug-stigmatizing context. These images reveal intimate spaces where personal experiences intersect with broader political and social dynamics, which in turn shape not only the practices themselves but also the bodies engaged in them.

Voices Unveiled

Aura Roig

In the face of the war on drugs, which continues to result in the widespread and systematic violation of the rights of women and gender-diverse people (womxn) who use drugs and survive interconnected situations of violence and vulnerability, we propose an art installation to bring their voices to the conference. Due to various barriers—such as lack of funds and personal or collective challenges related to how the war on drugs impacts them—we cannot bring these womxn in person. This installation will serve as a way to make their presence felt and establish a communication link with attendees.

The installation, "Voices Unveiled," will feature five human-sized standing posters displayed throughout the venue, each representing a Metzineres participant. Each poster will have a QR code linking to personal narratives that share firsthand accounts of how these womxn

have been affected by intersecting forms of violence, stigmatization, and criminalization associated with drug use. These stories also highlight the intersection between the war on drugs, STI transmission, and the specific repercussions for women and the LGBTQ+ community.

The QR codes will enhance the accessibility of these narratives, promoting deeper understanding and retention of their messages. By humanizing their experiences, these stories will make the struggles of thousands of individuals more tangible to conference attendees. Additionally, the installation will explore feminist strategies for navigating pleasure, well-being, and harm reduction while rethinking traditional approaches to drug policy through a feminist lens.

Our objectives are to advocate for the disproportionate impact of the war on drugs on womxn and the LGBTQ+ community, promote policies that include those most affected in the decision-making process, and deliver powerful, personal messages to attendees.

Incarcerated Treasures: Art as a Mechanism for Healing and Harm Reduction

Mike Pomante

Over the past year, I've had the privilege of working closely with 13 incarcerated men who have shared dozens of artistic pieces with me—poems filled with longing and hope, songs resonating with isolation, and visual art capturing raw beauty and resilience. With their permission, I am in the process of curating these works into a digital installation titled "Incarcerated Treasures." This collection is not merely a showcase of their talent but a testament to how, even in the most restrictive environments, art becomes a sanctuary—offering comfort, self-expression, and a means of survival.

I hope to present this installation at HR25 as a powerful demonstration of how art softens harms and fosters healing where traditional services, often inaccessible to incarcerated individuals, cannot. For these men, art is more than a creative outlet—it is resistance, dignity, and a tool to heal wounds that might otherwise remain untreated. Sharing their work honors their journeys and underscores the importance

of creating safe spaces for people to find their own ways to heal.

This project is deeply personal to me. As someone formerly incarcerated, I know how isolating and dehumanizing prison can be. Art was my lifeline, a way to process emotions, reclaim my narrative, and find hope in darkness. Harm reduction isn't only about external services—it's also about the tools we offer ourselves. Art was that tool for me, and it is for these men as well.

By sharing these works, I aim to offer a glimpse into the lives of those often forgotten by families, friends, and society—and to show how art can restore a sense of identity and create pathways to healing. It is my hope that this project will inspire others to recognize the value of creative expression as a vital form of harm reduction.

Drug Monologues

Mac Busz, Ancella Voets

The Drug Monologues app, is a storytelling app. The app explores a wide variety of themes related to drug use: the reasons for using, the pleasure and negative consequences, and the scene in which people use(d). It is explicitly meant to support people 'to get out of the drug closet' - a cry-out of Dr. Carl Hart at the opening session of the HR19 in Porto. By collecting diverse stories of drug use, we want to break taboos and stigma and demystify the role that drugs play in people's lives.

Poppi and its partner the Open University, made safety and data protection top priorities when designing the app. We recognize the significant taboo around drug use and want to ensure that sharing your story won't cause trouble with employers or family members. Therefore, users have complete control over how much of their identity they reveal and the purposes for which their story may be used (research, social media, or within the app). We do not store personal data, and every story undergoes moderation before being made public. This process prevents people from posting stories they might regret, mentioning others' names, or including inappropriate language or shocking content. KNAW-DANS, the Dutch expertise center and repository for research data, provides guidance and ensures the secure storage of data.

Since 2022, the Drug Monologues app has been tested in the Dutch cities of Utrecht, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Enschede. The new and improved version is now available online, allowing everyone to share their story! We would love to expose the Drug Monologues app on a screen at the HR25.

Lunchtime Reels: Stories That Matter

Monday – Room 2/EF. 13:00h

Inhabiting the Megaevent City: Knowledge Exchange, Grounded expertise and Drug User-led activism in Paris and Vancouver, 2024.

Running time: 55 minutes

Drug user-led movements are always already working on grassroots tactics and strategies to organize and resist unjust laws and policies that threaten our liberty, wellbeing and survival. However, we often face legal, cultural, financial and other barriers to transnational mobility and therefore do not have the chance to forge connections, build networks and organize across local contexts.

In France, Harm Reduction principles have been enshrined in law and there are, in theory, legal protections in place for all. Nevertheless, in 2024, the year of the Paris Olympics, drug users faced heightened policing and surveillance practices. Vancouver is a city where grassroots drug user-led movements have made revolutionary advances in the last decades, but their own Olympics in 2010-created extremely challenging living conditions for many, including drug users. In both cities, clawbacks and the realities of prohibition and other issues threaten drug users' lives and livelihoods. In 2024, Collectif SoCS Collective, an activist partnership dedicated to supporting transnational and reciprocal community-led activism, organized a workshop for knowledge exchange between harm reduction practitioners, scholar-activists, legal advocates and community organizers for drug user-led movements in Vancouver and Paris.

Tuesday – Room 2/EF. 13:00h

Never Perfect, Never Over

Running time: 82 minutes

Language: English

Never Perfect, Never Over is an hour-and-20-minute documentary that tells the story of Tacoma native Dave Purchase and the community-driven movement he helped spark. At a time when the AIDS epidemic was devastating people who use drugs, Dave and his friends refused to stand by while their community suffered. With no roadmap and no permission, they took action launching North America's first legally sanctioned syringe exchange. What started as a small grassroots effort grew into a nationwide harm reduction movement that continues to save lives today.

This documentary is more than a tribute to a man and a movement. It is a testament to the power of harm reduction and the people who carry this work forward in the face of the overdose crisis and systemic barriers. Through intimate interviews and powerful storytelling, Never Perfect, Never Over honors the past while making it clear: harm reduction is about community, and the fight for dignity, health, and justice is far from over.

Thanks to Nasen for allowing this screening.

Wednesday – Room 2/EF. 13:00h

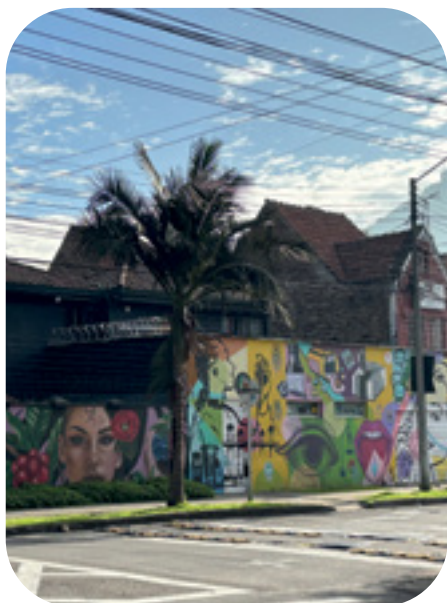
Homegrown Hang

Running time: 14 minutes

Language: English

A group of high school stoner friends is getting together for the first time since they graduated. Throughout the night, they reflect on their relationships with cannabis and each other, and how they've changed and evolved overtime. All the while discussing strategies for cannabis harm reduction and their mental health.

Harm Reduction Drop-In Site Visits to ATS



Visit the centre for services and research in risk and harm Reduction for Colombia and Latin America: **La casa de Échele Cabeza**.

We invite you to visit the headquarters of ATS, where you can learn about substance analysis, psychological counselling, self-cultivation, cannabis analysis, psychoactive short films, art, distilled spirits and craft beer, in a weed-friendly space that they're generously willing to share with colleagues from all over the world, to the rhythm of good music, food and psychoactives.

- Address: Calle 33 Nro. 19-60 Barrio Teusaquillo
- Opening hours for the conference: Daily, 14:00-23:00
- Latin American Gathering: Monday 28 April, 18:00-23:00
- Entry with your conference badge





PROGRAMME

Sunday 27 April

14:00-15:30

SIDE MEETING
Floor 2 Lobby

Youth Caucus!

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16:00 - 18:00

OPENING CEREMONY
Room 5/XRYZ

Welcome to HR25!

Chaired by Shaun Shelly

Simultaneous interpretation
available in this session
(Spanish/English)

Lucy O'Hare and Maddie

O'Hare: Harm Reduction
International, UK

Invited guests from the
Government of Colombia

Video: Volker Türk: United
Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights, Austria

Tribute to Ernest Drucker by
Pat O'Hare and Alex Wodak:
UK/Australia

Reflections on Sao Paolo
1998 by Fábio Mesquita:
Brazil

Julián Quintero: Acción
Técnica Social, Colombia

Verónica Russo: LANPUD,
Argentina

Presentation of Awards

followed by the Official HR25
Welcome Reception, 18:30-
20:00 in the Exhibition Zone

09:30 - 11:00

PLENARY 1 Room 5/XRYZ

Unpacking Power: Challenging Racism, Patriarchy, and Colonial Control

Chaired by **Sam Rivera**

Simultaneous interpretation
available in this session
(Spanish/English)

Alí Bantú Ashanti: Colectivo

Justicia Racial, Colombia

Silvie Ojeda: Metzineros,
Brazil/Colombia

Kojo Koram: Birkbeck College,
University of London, UK

Kokila Annamalai:
Transformative Justice
Collective, Singapore

11:00 - 11:30

MORNING BREAK

SIDE MEETING

11:15-12:45
Room: 2/A

Brazilian Perspectives on Drug Policy Reform and Harm Reduction

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11:30 - 13:00

MAJOR 1 Room 3/K

Community Rocks! Harm Reduction and Healing Justice in Action

Chaired by **Ernesto Cortés**

Stella Zine: Empowering
Voices: Research Through
Liberatory Harm Reduction
and Healing Justice
Frameworks (758)

Nalukenge Dorah:
Community-Led HIV Self-
Testing Among Men Who
Use Oral Substances and
Other Illicit Drugs in Kampala,
Uganda: implicational
experiences and plans for a
scale up (1313)

Mat Southwell: On Point!
The Story of How People
Who Inject Drugs Developed
NSP and What This Tells
Us About Participatory
Planning, Innovation, and
Funding of NSP Given the
Global Aspiration to Let
Communities Lead (1450)

Jeremy Kalicum: Compassion
Club: Findings and Lessons
(1524)

MAJOR 2 Room 3/N

The Cost of Complacency: Examining the Global Harm Reduction Funding Crisis

Chaired by **Tom Brigden**

Gaj Gurung: Aid for the War
on Drugs in Latin America
(298)

Catherine Cook: The Cost
of Complacency: A Harm
Reduction Funding Crisis
(1375)

Theshia Naidoo: A World
of Harm: How US Taxpayers
Fund the Global War on Drugs
(1403)

Klaas Mtshweni: Implications
of the US Funding Cuts on
Harm Reduction in South
Africa (1527)



Monday 28 April

← 11:30 - 13:00

MAJOR 3 Room 3/HI

Integrating Ecological Harm Reduction into Drug Policy: Paving the Way for a Healthier Earth

Chaired by **Clemmie James**

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English)

Daniel Belalcázar Serna: Why Can't "We" Learn From "Them"? (169)

Diego Andrés Lugo Vivas: The Concept of Ecological Harm Reduction from an Approach of Racialized Bodies, Exclusion, and Solastalgia in Colombian Coca-Growing Landscapes (558)

Miguel Ortega Clavijo: Sustainable Development in Drug Cultivation and Transit Areas - A Harm Reduction Approach for Marginalized Regions? (618)

Evelyn Paz: The Ecuadorian experience in harm reduction from community care for Good Living (1024)

Jenna-Rose Astwood: The Evolution of Indigenous Harm Reduction Interventions - Biology, Custom, Spirituality, Protection, and Innovation (1432)

MAJOR 4 Room 3/OÑ

Setting the Standard: Latin America's Leadership in Drug Checking

Chaired by **Vannesa Morris**

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English)

Camilo Obregón: An Educational Approach to Drug Checking in Chile: A Harm Reduction Initiative by Reduciendo Daño (247)
Verónica Peña: Substance Analysis Services in the city of Cali (722)
Mauro Díaz: Evolution of Tusi in Colombia, Drug Checking Findings (1157)

Clara Fleiz: Fentanyl and Xylazine on the Northern **Border of Mexico:** A New Challenge for Drug Health Policy (1499)

WORKSHOP 1 Room 3/M

Human Rights Standards for the Provision of Harm Reduction in Prisons

Ajeng Larasati (1281)

CREATIVE ARTS 1 Room 3/L

Photovoice and public storytelling: The transformative power of stories to change narratives and build community (498)

Paola Rodríguez Cuevas (498)

13:00 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

SIDE MEETING

13:00-14:30 Room: 2/A

Workshop: Addressing Gender Based Violence (GBV) among Women and People of Diverse Gender Identity and Expression who Use Drugs
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LUNCHTIME REELS: Stories That Matter. Room 2/EF, 13:00h

Watch *Inhabiting the Megaevent City: Knowledge Exchange, Grounded expertise and Drug User- led activism in Paris and Vancouver, 2024*

13:00 - 14:30

SIDE MEETING

13:00-14:30
Room: 2/B

**Lunch for Delegates and
Indigenous Communities
from Around the World**

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SIDE MEETING

13:00-14:30
**Networking Space,
Floor 2 Lobby**

Canadian Meet-Up
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SIDE MEETING

13:00-14:30
Room 2/D

**We Don't Just Work in
Drug Policy, We Are Also
Women Who Use Drugs**

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WELLBEING 2
Room 3/L

**Radical Rest as Harm
Reduction: Reclaiming
Rest for Healing and
Liberation**

Teresa Springer (1168)

14:30 - 16:00

CONCURRENT 1
Room 3/K

**Mamma Mia! Empowering
Women Who Use Drugs
and Protecting Family
Rights**

Chaired by Joelle Puccio

Jeanne Flavin: Propagate This:
What the Public Still Needs to
Understand About Pregnancy,
Drugs, and Harm (241)

Nombulelo Pamela Mkhuma:
Women Who Use Drugs and
the Law: The Unfair Treatment
and Discrimination Towards
WWUD and the Rights of
Children to Be with Their
Mothers (883)

Anna Millington: Mothers
Who Use Drugs and Their
Children - Safeguarding Who
from What? (1525)

Lynn Paltrow: Sex, Drugs,
& Pregnancy: The Future of
Harm Reduction (673)

14:30 - 16:00



CONCURRENT 2
Room 3/N

**Resilience in Crisis: Harm
Reduction in Conflict
Zones**

Chaired by Ganna Dovbakh

Michelle Wazan: Advocating
for Safe and Timely Access
to Emergency Medical Care:
Challenging Criminalization
Within Healthcare Settings
(408)

Mbembe Aaron Clevis: Harm
Reduction Programming in
Conflict Zones: Exploring
the Intersecting Barriers to
Harm Reduction Services for
LGBTQ+ People Who Inject
Drugs and Internally Displaced
Persons in Eastern DRC (412)

Roshan Ningthoujam:
Generating Evidence Through
Pre-Harm Reduction Services
Among Adolescents Who
Use Drugs, in Armed Conflict
Situation at, Manipur, India
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CONCURRENT 3 Room 3/HI

Drug Consumption Rooms: Safer Spaces, Safer Lives

Chaired by **Liz Evans**

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Swathi Srinivasan: The
Sociology of Space:
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Globe (142)

Gurvan Le Bourhis: Drug
Consumption Room
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Project (153)

Riley Hammond:
Intersectional Risk
Environments and the Role of
Place: Insights From an Urban
Canadian Ethnographic Study
of People Who Use Drugs in a
Central Business District (234)

Daniel Huertas Nadal:
Applying Architecture
and Design Methodology
to Develop Assisted
Consumption Spaces in
Colombia by the Principles of
Harm Reduction: Proposal for
a Supervised Consumption
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CONCURRENT 4 Room 3/OÑ

Regulation in a Capitalist World: Insights from Existing and Emerging Drug Markets

Chaired by **Tanagra Melgarejo**

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Stacey McKenna: Legal
Substance Regulation in a
Capitalist Context: Lessons
From Established and
Emerging Industries (90)

Florencia Lemos: Eleven years
after the Cannabis Regulation
Law in Uruguay: Was regulation
sufficient to mitigate the
harms of prohibition? (143)

Julian Quintero: Cocaine
regulation as a harm reduction
strategy (163)

Brun Gonzalez: The
Importance of the Use
of Traditional Plants and
Medicines for International
Drug Policy and Regulation
Models (383)

Rachel Barry: Mapping and
Analysing the Global Cannabis
Industry: Implications for
Public Health Policy and
New Systems of Cannabis
Governance (1089)

CONCURRENT 5 Room 3/J

The Epistemology of Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Nigel Brunsdon**

Allie Mikolanis: (Un)Defining
Harm Reduction (83)

Levinson Niño: Harm
Reduction Meets Buen
Vivir: Towards a Decolonial
Collective and Integral
Governance in Drug Policy
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Chika Yamada: Reimagining
Harm Reduction Through Its
Genealogy in Indonesia (438)

Tuari Potiki: Indigenous Values
to Underpin Harm Reduction
for All; Did Indigenous People
Create Harm Reduction First?
(796)

CONCURRENT 6 Room 3/P

Using Legal Processes and Strategic Litigation to Secure Change

Chaired by **Benjamin Phillips**

Céline Debaulieu: Suing
the French Government to
Protect Harm Reduction and
Expand Drug Consumption
Rooms (1337)

Niamh Eastwood: Advocating
Against Civil Orders That
Criminalize People Who Use
Drugs in Public and Those
Who Are Unhoused (860)

Sergio Pérez: The
Criminalisation of Poverty in
Colombia: Persecution of Drug
Use in Public Spaces (1502)

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WORKSHOP 2

Room 3/M

Lighting the Way: A Toolkit for Gender-Affirming Harm Reduction

Taylor Edelmann (17)

CREATIVE ARTS 2

Room 3/L

Transformative Narratives: How Participatory Filmmaking Can Challenge Stigma and Change Health Worker Behavior

Nick Kent (1307)

CREATIVE ARTS 3

Room 2/EF

Going back to the Bronx: Harm reduction and community museology in the center of Bogotá (1102)

Susana Fergusson Jaramillo (1102)

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Drug Policy in Colombian Congress

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Alternative sources of funding for harm reduction: How Do We Ensure That Harm Reduction Is Financially Sustainable? A highlevel dialogue

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On Control, Consent and Community: Exploring Power Relationships around Drugs and Sex

Chaired by **Rita Gatonye**

Manoj Panthi: Situation of Sexualized Drug Use and Associated Violence Among Men Who Have Sex With Men and Transgender Population in Nepal (94)

Astro Rafael Feraci de Almeida: Harm Reduction and Ballroom: Life Technology Beyond Health (379)

Claudia Stoicescu: Transgender Women Initiating New Goals for Safety (T-WINGS): Co-Adapting an Evidence-Based Intervention to Reduce Gender-Based Violence, Improve Health and Well-Being, and Increase Access to Justice for Transwomen in Indonesia (387)

Worawalan Waratworawan: Power Dynamics, "Hualok", and Loss of Control in Hi-Fun (Chemsex) Settings: A Qualitative Study Among Gay, Bisexual, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in Thailand (1142)

Adam Bourne: Impactful Drug Use and Harm Reduction in LGBTQ+ Communities: Perceptions, Norms and Community-Held Practices (820)

CONCURRENT 8 Room 3/N

Securing the Future: Building Sustainable Domestic Funding for Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Gaj Gurung**

Henry Lucas: Bridging the Gap: A Collaborative Pilot Program Between Insurance and Grassroots Harm Reduction (367)

Mohammad Shoriful Alam: Integrating HIV Prevention Services for People Who Use Drugs into Government Hospitals in Bangladesh: A Sustainable Approach (632)

Ardhany Suryadarma: Toward Domestic Public Financing and a Social Contract for Harm Reduction Program in Indonesia (1067)

Paulina Cortez Licona: Mapping the Global Response: Findings from the Global State of Harm Reduction 2024 (1362)

CONCURRENT 9 Room 3/Hi

Ancestral Wisdom Meets Modern Care: Integrating Traditional Plants in Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Paula Kahn**

Jaime Andres Vinasco Barco: Ancestral and allopathic medicine in dialogue. A model of risk and harm reduction in non-Amazonian contexts of Ayahuasca consumption (222)

Camila Rodríguez: Psychedelic Harm Reduction and Integration in Latin America (458)

Yohanes Eko Adi Prasetyanto: Exploring Medicinal Use of Indonesian Psychoactive Plants (893)

Lilia Magdalena Gonzalez Scarpetta: Harm reduction through ancestral coca leaf use for the linguistic and cultural preservation of indigenous peoples in risk of extinction in the Colombian Amazon (1413)



CONCURRENT 10 Room 3/OÑ

Centering Harm Reduction: Case Studies in Cannabis and Tobacco Regulation

Chaired by Ignacio Leiva

Mazen Saleh: The Tobacco and Nicotine Policy Landscape for People Who Use Drugs (452)

Natalia Gutierrez: Challenges in Tailoring Updated Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines to Montreal's Emerging Adults (897)

María González: Harm Reduction in Tobacco: An Urgent Approach for Costa Rica (771)

Anthony Salandy: Practical Strategies and Approaches to Support Tobacco Harm Reduction for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD) (306)

Timothy Dewhirst: Co-Optation of Harm Reduction by Big Tobacco: Lessons for Other Legally Regulated Drug Sectors (1464)

Thomas Martinelli: Linking Harm Reduction and Cannabis Reforms: Current Policy Measures and Opportunities for New Pathways (329)

Ivana Rodríguez Vaz: The Role of Nurses in Promoting the Use of Medicinal Cannabis (756)

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Advocacy in Action: Driving Drug Policy Reform

Chaired by Ann Fordham

Thainá Alves Lira: Human Rights and Drug Policy: Reflections From an Intersectoral Forum (375)

Juan Fernández Ochoa: Resourcing Grassroots Organising Towards Reform: An 11-Year Evaluation of the Support. Don't Punish Campaign (564)

Olena Kucheruk: High Political Level Advocacy for Drug Policy Reform in EECA (889)

Matt Curtis: Rapid Scaling of Harm Reduction Through Community and Government Partnership (1431)

Benjamin Phillips: Cultivating Change at the United Nations: Codifying Harm Reduction into International Law (768)

CONCURRENT 12 Room 3/P

Access to Key Harm Reduction Interventions in Prison: Challenges and Opportunities

Chaired by Cherish Burtson

Marcela Jofre: The Global State of Harm Reduction in Prison: Access and Main Barriers (586)

Christophe Huÿnh: Life After Prison: Challenges and Goals of Formerly Incarcerated Persons on Opioid Agonist Treatment (424)

Yanina Stemkovskaya: Access to medical services for People Who Use Drugs in prisons: common issues across the post-soviet region (1249)

WORKSHOP 3: Room 3/M

A Port in the Storm: Providing Agile and Essential Drug User Health Care During Weather and Natural Disasters

Angel Gomez (1073)



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WELLBEING 1 Room 3/L

From Burnout to Balance: Enhancing Workforce Wellbeing in Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Gaby Bruning**

Chevonna Gaylor: CoLEAD
Staffing Support Model: A
Harm Reduction Approach to
Staff Wellbeing (1025)

Emma Roberts: "Help,
My Team and I Are Burnt
Out!" Emergency Technical
Assistance to Build Workforce
Resilience for Harm Reduction
Programs (154)

Sarah Whipple: Frontline
Worker Wellness and
Retention in Harm Reduction
Organizations (1208)

SIDE MEETING

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14:15-14:30	Decolonizing Harm Reduction: Addressing the Hidden Victims of the Cocaine Trade in Latin America, Martina Moreira Da Silva, 1435
14:30-15:00	From Theory to Practice: Western Responsibility in Decolonizing Harm Reduction, Sofija Podvisocka,346
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16:30-17:15	The Challenges of Integrating a Harm Reduction Approach into a Drug Treatment Organization, Liz Evans, 1396
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PLENARY 2 Room 5/XRYZ

Seismic Shifts: Global South Leadership for Drug Peace and Justice
Chaired by Isabel Pereira Arana: Dejusticia, Colombia.

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English)

Ms Laura Gil: Ambassador-at-Large for Colombia's Global Drug Policy, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and International Organizations in Vienna, Colombia

Daniel Carvalho Mejía, HR: Chamber of Representatives of Colombia, Colombia

Dandara Rudsan: Black Initiative for a New Drug Policy, Brazil

Ahmed Said: AfricaNPUD, Kenya

11:00 - 11:30

MORNING BREAK

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Confronting the backlash against progressive drug policies: Developing a strategy to support drug decriminalization and harm reduction efforts in the US, Canada, and beyond

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MAJOR 5 Room 3/K

Advancing Gender-Responsive Harm Reduction: Strategies, Access, and Empowerment
Chaired by Judy Chang

Elivanda Canuto de Sousa: Women on the Scene: Challenges and Practices in Health Care and in Confronting Gender Violence in a Harm Reduction Space in a Favela in Rio de Janeiro (573)

Luca Stevenson: Inclusion of Women Who Use Drugs in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Services and Movement - Lessons Learned from IPPF (657)

Emily Rowe: Deficit and Disparity: A Participatory Global Mapping of Gender Responsive Harm Reduction Services (801)

Aura Roig: Metzineres: Community-Based Programs Generating Evidence, Managing Knowledge (923)

Wangari Kimemia: Capacity Building Women and Gender Diverse People Who Use Drugs to Steer Their Advocacy: From Conception to Evaluation (1039)

MAJOR 6 Room 3/N

Youth Leadership and Drug Education

Chaired by Nick Kent

Juanita Theresa Greene: Stanford REACH Lab's Safety First: A Comprehensive, Harm Reduction-Based, Drug Intervention Curriculum for Middle and High School Students (110)

Rebeca Calzada Olvera: Catalysts for Change: Youth-Driven Insights in Opioid Harm Reduction (380)

Damon Barrett: Under 18s Who Inject: Risk Environments, Low Thresholds and Best Interests (547)

Ruby Lawlor: Youth in Power: Building and Sustaining the Next Generation of Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Activists (1145)

Jade Creelman: Storytelling with Youth to Drive Harm Reduction Policy and Practice in Canada, Part 2: The Crackdown Podcast "Kids on the Block" Series (631)

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MAJOR 7 Room 3/HI

Extreme Consequences of Punitive Approaches to Drugs in the Global South

Chaired by **Cinzia Brentari**

Mary Ryder: Conflicts of Coexistence: Drug Use, Discrimination, and Social Control During the Colombian Armed Conflict (213)

Giada Girelli: Ending the Death Penalty: A Battle for Drug Policy Reformers? (220)

Isaias Pablo Tolentino: "Radiography of prohibition": progress, pending issues and recommendations for a drug strategy with a human rights approach in Mexico (503)

Maria Clara Zea: Consuming in Medellin: an intersection of risks (561)

MAJOR 8 Room 3/OÑ

A Global South Approach to Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Inés Elvira Mejía Motta**

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English)

Silvia Inchaurreaga: From San Pablo (Brazil, 1998) International Harm Reduction Conference to Bogota (Colombia, 2005) Conference: Challenges for the Latin American Harm Reduction Movement (689)

Jonathan De: A narrative proposal from the Global South on harm reduction, in the context of a synthetic drug crisis (1078)

Marcela Tovar Thomas: Reimagining Harm Reduction in Latin America: Centering Community, Social Justice, and Feminist Ethics in Drug Policy (1095)

Humberto Rotondo: The Cost of Informal Economies on Harm Reduction Civil Society Organizations Grantees: A Global South Perspective (1427)

WORKSHOP 4 Room 3/M

Shaping the Conversation: Advocacy for Harm Reduction - Examples from South Africa, Indonesia and Kenya

Angela McBride (1147)

13:00 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

WELLBEING 3 Room 3/L

Breathwork as a Mental Health Tool: Integrating Conscious Breathing in Harm Reduction Spaces

Cielo Stein (201)

SIDE MEETING

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The US Government, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction – Taking Stock
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Overview of Supervised Consumption Rooms (DCR/OPC) at a Global Level

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Power To The Grassroots: How to Create Systemic Change with Limited Resources

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The Full Spectrum: A Whole-Person Approach to Harm Reduction

Chaired by Justice Rivera

Poonam Women:

Enforcement of Harm Reduction: Prevention, Healthcare, and Treatment Services for Women Who Use Drugs in Nepal (251)

Mathieu Morin Robertson:

Indigenous Navigation: A Harm Reduction Approach Adapted by and for Indigenous Peoples Experiencing Urban Homelessness in Montreal (1124)

Gayane Arustamyan: High Stakes: Confronting the NPS Epidemic in Kyrgyzstan and Its Public Health Fallout (1239)

CONCURRENT 14 Room 3/N

Unseen but Unstoppable: Innovating Harm Reduction for Sex Workers

Chaired by Haven Wheelock

Carl Fredrik Sjöland: Exploring Harm Reduction and Sexual Health Needs Among Women Engaged in Sex Work and Drug Use in Northern and Eastern Myanmar (1297)

Julianna Brown: Here and We've Always Been Here: Sex Workers as Foundational to Harm Reduction (658)

Jules Perrenot: The Jasmine Project: Preventing Violence Against Sex Workers in France (1150)

Bushra Rani: Sex-Work, Drugs, Violence, and HIV&AIDS: Urgent Need for Harm Reduction Initiatives for Female Sex-Workers in Lahore, Pakistan (1424)

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CONCURRENT 15 Room 3/HI

Reconceptualising Chemsex through the Experiences of Gay, Bisexual and Men who have Sex with Men (GBMSM) in the Global South

Chaired by **Andres Acosta**
Ardila

T Charles Witzel: Developing a Locally Grounded Definition of Hi-Fun (Chemsex) With Gay, Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex With Men in Thailand: A Qualitative Study (44)

Liria Morales: CHEMSEX IN LATIN AMERICA: Sexualized drug use and its relationship to HIV in gay men and other MSM (845)

Jorge Flores-Aranda: How to Mobilize the Community Strengths Model in Harm Reduction Interventions for People Who Practice Chemsex (1465)

Elie Al Aaraj: Chemsex Usage in Lebanon (1043)

Rita Gatonye: Chemsex and Community: Championing Intersectional Harm Reduction Education for LGBTQIA+ Persons in Kenya (1312)

CONCURRENT 16 Room 3/OÑ

Navigating the Future of Overdose Prevention: From Naloxone to Safe Supply

Chaired by **Mohammad**
Karamouzian

Kirsten Horsburgh: Scotland's Response to the Drug Deaths Crisis (566)

Abigale Sprakes: "They See You as Human": Experiences in a Safer Opioid Supply Program in Canada (932)

John-Peter Kools: Harm Reduction in Times of Fentanyl, Nitazenes and Xylazines: Preparing Public Health Systems for Upcoming Prevalence and Incidents (620)

Frishta Nafeh: Needs and Preferences of People Accessing Prescribed Safer Supply in Canada: A Systematic Review and Thematic Synthesis of Qualitative Studies (642)

Robert O'Claire: Reducing Drug Overdose Mortality Among Indigenous Americans with Remote-Access Naloxone and Harm Reduction Support (1487)

CONCURRENT 17 Room 3/J

Cross-Contamination or Poly Substance Use? Exploring Rapidly-Shifting Trends in Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Nabarun Dasgupta**

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English)

Eleazar Vargas-Mena: Profiles, Pharmacological Interactions, and Toxicity of "Tusibi" and Bath Salts Consumed at Colombian Electronic Music Festivals (9)

Alejandra Garcia De Loera: Fentanyl Detection on Stimulants and Harm Reduction in Cities of Mexico: Outcomes of a Pilot Intervention From Aguascalientes (51)

Danielle Nestadt: Check It: Comparing Participant Report of Contents to Spectrometer-Detected Contents in Point-of-Care Drug Checking Samples in Baltimore, Maryland, US (496)

Fraser Parry: Seeking Synthetics: Nitazenes as Drug of Choice (1480)

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WORKSHOP 5
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Transforming the Research Enterprise: A World Cafe on How People with Lived(-ing) Experience as Researchers (PLER) Can Redefine Harm Reduction Research

Philomena Kebec (1382)

CREATIVE ARTS 4
Room 3/L

Exploring How With Safer Supply 'The Sky Is The Limit': A Novel Photovoice Study with Women and Non-Binary People Who Use Drugs on a Safer Supply Program in Toronto, Canada

Katherine Rudzinski (1398)

SIDE MEETING

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Open meeting of substance analysis programs to discuss achievements, challenges, obstacles, and collaborations
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Best Practice in Broad-Spectrum Harm Reduction in Drug Consumption Rooms
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CONCURRENT 19 Room 3/K

Evolving Strategies in Drug Treatment

Chaired by **Annette Verster**

Mary C Figgatt: Opioid Agonist Treatment and Precipitated Withdrawal in the Age of Fentanyl (455)
Anna McVinish: We Have Not Tried in Vain! Winston Churchill Sponsors International Survey of Heroin and Hydromorphone Assisted Treatment Models (896)
Yevheniia Zakrevska: Comprehensive Gender-Sensitive Support to Women Who Use Drugs/OAT Patients in Ukraine (1253)
Mohammad Karamouzian: Participants' Use Patterns of a Biometric Dispensing Machine-Based Safer Opioid Supply Program in Vancouver, Canada (488)

CONCURRENT 20 Room 3/N

Drug Checking: New Settings, New Drugs and Understanding Consumer Decision Making

Chaired by **Yarelix Estrada**

Timothy Piatkowski: Preliminary Findings from Australia's Anabolic-Androgenic Steroid Checking Trial (27)
Charlie Summers: Increasing Access to Real-Time Drug Checking in Low-Barrier Housing Programs (625)
Zara Snapp: It's Not All Fentanyl: Drug Checking in Central Mexico (112)
Perrine Roux: Factors Associated with the Use of Drug Checking Services in France: Results from the Checknow E-Cohort (906)
Tristan Vassaux: New Drugs and Consumption Trends in French Guiana: A Territorial Approach to Harm Reduction Supported by the Monitoring Scheme SINTES (8)
Samuel Tobias: Engagement in Risk Reduction Practices Following the Presence of Unexpected Drugs in Community Drug Checking Samples: A Cross-Sectional Study (1076)

CONCURRENT 21 Room 3/HI

Emerging Drug Risks and Harm Reduction Innovations

Chaired by **Mrinaalika Sivakumar**

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English)

Daniel Ciccarone: 'Tranq Burn': Exploring the Etiology of Tranq-Related Soft Tissue Injuries (60)
Kristin E. Schneider: Development of a Xylazine Wound Care Protocol for Harm Reduction and Street Outreach Settings (495)
Chris Rintoul: Stayin' Alive Plans: Collaborating to Prevent Deaths Involving Nitazenes in the U.K. (442)
Joseph Greg Rosen: Motion Sensor Systems to Prevent Overdose: Findings from the US Northeast (959)



CONCURRENT 22 Room 3/OÑ

Drug Consumption Rooms: Advocacy and Allies

Chaired by **Aura Roig**

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available in this session
(Spanish/English)

Piper Dickhout: Hospital-
Based Inhalation Overdose
Prevention Services in
Vancouver (172)

**Maria Angélica de De Castro
Comis:** Different Advocacy
Strategies for Implementing
Safe Drug Use Spaces in the
Largest City in Latin America
(1020)

Alfonso Chavez: "La Zona" at
PrevenCasa: A Safe Space in
Tijuana, Mexico (1505)

Mike Selick: Overdose
Prevention Center in
Burlington, VT: How One Small
City Overcame a National
Backlash Against Harm
Reduction to Pass Good
Policy (2)

Samuel Rivera: We Are the
Medicine (336)

CONCURRENT 23 Room 3/J

Innovative Care Integration: Transforming Health Systems for People Who Use Drugs

Chaired by **Zahedul Islam**

Patrick Smith: Latino Refugee
Point of View: Navigating
Shifting Harms in Search of
Safety (88)

Nalinikanta Rajkumar:
Serological Response and
Adherence of Standard Dose
Rapid Regimen Catch-Up
Hepatitis B Vaccination
Among People Who Inject
Drugs in Manipur, India (344)

Malika Zafar: Bridging the
Gaps: Nai Zindagi's Integrative
HCV and HIV Care for People
Who Inject Drugs in Pakistan
(890)

Anna Meteliuk: Simplified
Community-Based HCV
Testing, Diagnostics, and
Treatment of People Who
Inject Drugs in Low-Resource
Countries (1325)

CONCURRENT 24 Room 3/P

Beyond Consent: Embedding Communities in Ethical Research Practices

Chaired by **Mary Ellen Harrod**

Ginetta Salvalaggio: Centering
Community Voices in Creating
Systems of Care (637)

Rebeca Marques Rocha: From
Participants to Collaborators:
Participatory Action Research
Engaging YPWUD as a Tool for
Emancipation (818)

Jennifer Lavalley: Coming
to Know Sihtoskâ'towin: An
Indigenous Methodology with
Indigenous Peoples Who Use
Illicit Drugs in Vancouver's
Downtown Eastside (DTES)
Neighbourhood (1162)

Ernst Wisse: What If a NSP
Program Would Start by
Asking What People Really
Need? A Formal Community-
Led Values and Preference
Approach to NSP (1286)

Abigail Winiker: "I Was
Brought Up Like That. If
You Fall Down, Get Yourself
Up and Keep on Going.": An
Exploration of Resilience and
Call for a Strengths-Based
Approach to Research and
Practice Among People Who
Inject Drugs (1351)

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WORKSHOP 6 Room 3/M

Healing Centred Harm Reduction

Justice Rivera (505)

WELLBEING 4 Room number: 3/L

Drug Use is Natural: An Introduction to Nature Informed Harm Reduction

Leigh Beck (962)

18:30-23:00

Calle 63 #13-11, Bogotá, Colombia

HR25 Social: Join HRI for an informal social gathering at O.D.E.M. (Observatorio Distrital del Exilio Musical), which is just a short ride away from Ágora. We have a large space reserved for delegates and will make for a relaxed evening - we really hope you can join us. A free drink and nibbles will be offered for everyone. Additionally, you will be able to purchase drinks and food at the venue. Good tunes will be delivered by Kid Watusi (Chusma Records) and Coops.

Cost: Free admission with conference badge – all are welcome!

Transport: Coaches are free of charge and will depart twice to the venue; one at 18:30 from Ágora, and the second at 19:30 from Hilton Corferias. The return will be from O.D.E.M. To Hilton Corferias at 22:30 and 23:30.

DIALOGUE SPACE

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12:00-12:30	We Measure Recovery by the Wrong Metric, Tori Staff Reiremo, 538
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14:30-15:00	Perinatal Harm Reduction Into the Future, Joelle Puccio, 249
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16:00-16:30	Exacerbating Inequities? A Critical Analysis of Substance Use Anti-Stigma Campaigns in Canada with Implications for Reducing Their Potential Harms, Scott Neufeld, 956
16:30-17:15	Intersectionalities, a new perspective on the harm reduction focus in the European context, Mercè Meroño, 1084
17:15-18:00	Early Warning Policies in Costa Rica, Andrea Alvarez Marin, 774



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PLENARY 3 Room 5/XRYZ

Our Land, Our Laws: Decolonising Drug Policy from the Roots Up

Chaired by **Diego Lugo-Vivas**,
Organisation, Colombia.

Simultaneous interpretation
available in this session
(Spanish/English)

Claudia Lopera: Social Leader
and Community Activist,
Colombia

Luz Mery Panche Chocué:
Indigenous Leader, Amazonian
Territory of Caquetá,
Colombia

Paula Kahn: Community
Health Project LA, USA/
Guatemala

Evelyn Paz: LANPUD/Acción
Antiprohibicionista Ecuador,
Ecuador

11:00 - 11:30

MORNING BREAK

SIDE MEETING

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**Clínica La Paz, Cra 69
#12-75, Kennedy, Bogotá**

From the Community to the Clinic: Strategies for Harm Reduction in Drug Use

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MAJOR 9 Room 3/K

Bridging Gaps: Finding New Allies for the Harm Reduction Movement

Chaired by **Cate Faehrmann**

Marcos Roche Miranda:

A Classroom Outside the
Classroom: Recinto Pa'
la Calle's Contributions
for Puerto Rican Health
Professionals (70)

Pablo Gonzalez Nieto:

Customer Service: Drug
Sellers' Use of Drug Checking
Services as a Harm Reduction
Strategy in British Columbia,
Canada (469)

Elisabeth Avril: Fighting the
NIMBY Syndrome: Finding
New Allies for the PWUDs
(1336)

Jordan Wulz: Engaging the
Local Community Through an
Event at a Brewery: Meeting
People Where They Are!
(1512)

Beatrix Vas: Fostering
Partnerships Between
Legislators and Communities
for a Paradigm Shift in Drug
Policies (1283)

SIDE MEETING

11:30-13:00 Room 3/P

Workshop: Feminist Approaches to SRHR and Harm Reduction for Women and Youth Who Use Drugs

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MAJOR 10 Room 3/N

Harm Reduction and Cocaine Use: Decolonization, Intervention Strategies, and Scalable Solutions

Chaired by **Mat Southwell**

Ernesto Cortes: Crack and
Basuco Pipes in Latin America:
Smokable Cocaine, Harm
Reduction, and Decolonization
(290)

Sacha Hertzog: How to Cook
Crack 101: The Making of a
Harm Reduction Video on
Based Cocaine (319)

Savannah O'Neill: Participant-
Centered Recommendations
for Contingency Management
Program Implementation
(1135)

Carolina Pinzón Gómez:
Harm Reduction Strategies in
Cocaine Use: From Qualitative
Insights to Scale Development
(1496)

WORKSHOP 7 Room 3/M

Let's Empower All People to Use Spectroscopy: A Hands-On FTIR Drug Checking Workshop

Lea Gozdziński (645)

LUNCHTIME REELS: Stories That Matter. Room 2/EF, 13:00h

Watch *Homegrown Hang*



MAJOR 11 Room 3/HI

Justice for Women Who Use Drugs: Global Perspectives on Advocacy and Policy

Chaired by **Paula Aguirre Ospina**

Simultaneous interpretation
available in this session
(Spanish/English)

Isabel Pereira: Street
trajectories: women and
drug use in Pereira and
Dosquebradas (Colombia) (341)

Méline Szwarcberg: Women
Sentenced to Death for Drug
Trafficking: The Necessity to
Add a Practical Gender Lens
to Death Penalty Abolition
Advocacy (888)

Charity Monareng: Breaking
the Mold: Unveiling the Agency
of Female Drug Sellers in Cape
Town's Illegal Drug Market (1117)

Asmin Fransiska: Mapping
Justice for Women and
Children Who Use Drugs
in Indonesia: Unveiling the
Unheard Voices (1376)

Beatriz Maldonado: Freeing
them is Justice: Amnesty,
women and drug-related
crimes (1390)

SIDE MEETING

13:00-14:30 Room 2/B

Lunch provided

**Building Black Feminist
Visions to End the Drug
War/ Construcción de
visiones feministas negras
para poner fin a la guerra
contra las drogas**

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Regional Policies and Hostile Environments: Approaches to Harm Reduction in Latin America

Chaired by **Marcela Tovar Thomas**

Simultaneous interpretation
available in this session
(Spanish/English)

Sam Shirley-Beavan: "Total
Peace" and the War on
Basuco: Towards a Peace-
Based Harm Reduction (29)

Diego Arturo Jiménez Padilla:
The impact of the overdose
crisis on the human rights
of people who live on the
streets and use drugs in Baja
California, Mexico (500)

Pablo Cymerman: Towards
an integral public policy in Rio
Negro, Argentina: Articulation
between the State and
Civil Society when tackling
problematic use (1146)

Ines Mejia Motta: Surviving
Through the Margins: A Social
Approach to Harm Reduction
in Colombia (1247)

Maíra Gabriel Anhorn:
Community-Based Research
and Community Harm
Reduction Perspective: The
Case of Espaço Normal in
Maré, Rio de Janeiro (1454)

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**Join the Campaign to
Divest from Punitive
Approaches and Invest in
Justice!** See page 49

CREATIVE ARTS 5: Room 3/L

Sexual Consent in the Context of Chemsex: Using Photovoice to Advocate for Community- Led Understandings and Responses

Maxi Gaudette (372)

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Grief Discussion Group for People that have Lost Loved Ones by Overdoses and the Consequences of the War on Drugs

Mélodie Talbot (938)

SIDE MEETING

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WHRIN Allies Meeting

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SIDE MEETING

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**Launch of the XI Échele
Cabeza Psychoactive
Shorts Festival 2025: The
Future of Drugs**

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The Human Cost of Housing Insecurity: Persecution, Poverty, and Policy Failures

Chaired by **José Arturo Costa Escobar**

Ancella Voets: Need for Culturally and Linguistically Relevant Harm Reduction Services for, and an End to Criminalization of Marginalized Migrants Who Use Drugs (116)

Shannon Ducharme: Living and Dying on the Edge of the Edge: Creating a Model for Palliative Care for People Experiencing Homelessness in San Francisco (969)

Catherine Tomko: Gentrification and Policing: Evidence and Implications for Reducing Criminalization of People Who Use Drugs (211)

Rob Ralphs: Support Don't Punish: A Holistic Harm Reduction-Centered Approach to Working with People Who Use Drugs and Live Street-Based Lifestyles (1152)

Thiago Calil: Drugs and Cities - Access to Housing as a Perspective for Care and Rights Guarantee for Latin America (1339)

CONCURRENT 26 Room 3/N

Diverse Needs, Compassionate Care

Chaired by **Tracie Gardner**

Tatyana Sleiman: Integrating Drug Response Into Public Primary Healthcare: A Case Study From Lebanon (47)

Sue McCutcheon: Into the English Void: A Dynamic Evolving Model of Outreach (DEMO) (672)

Jose A. Lozada Berrios: Integrating Harm Reduction Mobile Health Services Within a Methadone Clinic in Fajardo, Puerto Rico (1051)

Baby Virgarose Nurmaya: A Twin-Track to Gender Mainstreaming: Addressing the Gaps of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services Tailored to Specific Needs of Womxn Who Use Drugs (1290)

CONCURRENT 27 Room 3/HI

Decriminalisation: Promoting, Improving and Defending Reforms

Chaired by **Theshia Naidoo**

Simultaneous interpretation available in this session (Spanish/English) | Interpretación simultánea disponible en esta sesión (español/inglés)

Saba Rouhani: De Facto Decriminalization: A Tool to Reduce the Criminalization of People Who Use Drugs (PWUD) in the Absence of Formal Legislation? A Review of 'Progressive' Prosecutorial Policies and Their Impacts on PWUD in the United States (675)

Ann Fordham: In Defence of Decriminalisation: What Our Advocacy Successes and Failures Tell Us (880)

Palaniappan Narayanan: Civil Society Advocacy Towards Decriminalisation in Malaysia (899)

Ganna Dovbakh: Joint Community Rise & Decriminalize Movement Actions to Protect Civil Society in CEECA Region (1311)



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Chaired by **Kassandra
Frederique**

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Bisi Akintoye: Suspect
Communities: Policing, Race,
and Black Britons (50)

Mike Pomante: Irrigating
Harm Reduction Deserts:
Building Equitable Access
Through the Harm Reduction
Community Convening Model
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Pete Dawson: Bunjilwarra
First Nations Justice Project
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Eliana Alcalá: Drug policy and
its relation to the profiling
and criminalization of the
Afro-descendant population
in Colombia (468)

Rafael Torruella: "Tan Lejos
de Dios y Tan Cerca de
los Estados Unidos": Harm
Reduction Services at the
Borders, Colonialism, and
Problematic Funding (1097)

Alex Stevens: Police Drug
Diversion (PDD) in the UK:
Reducing Punishment, or
Widening the Net? (939)

CONCURRENT 29 Room 3/J

Wellbeing and Mental Health in Harm Reduction

Chaired by **Gabriella
Rodriguez**

Svitlana Moroz: Social Life
and Mental Health of People
Who Use Synthetic and New
Psychoactive Substances in
Central Asia (157)

Philin Duangmala: Successful
Implementation of
Community-Led Intervention
to Address Internalized
Stigma Among People Who
Use Drugs in Thailand (712)

Emily Hughes: Neurodiversity-
Informed Harm Reduction
(773)

Marie Jauffret-Roustide:
The Experience of Workplace
Violence by Harm Reduction
Professionals in France (1389)

Daniele Zullino: Mental
Health Predicts Cannabis
Use: Motivational Pathways
Revealed (384)

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Detoxifying Narratives: Challenging Stereotypes about Women and Drugs

Paula Hernández (125)

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A Graphic Novel Intervention for Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Training

Sarah Febres-Cordero (423)



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AFTERNOON BREAK

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CLOSING CEREMONY: LOOKING AHEAD Room number: 5/XRYZ

Closing Ceremony: Looking Ahead

Chaired by **Mina Barling**, Harm
Reduction International, UK

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(Spanish/English)

Invited guests from the Government of Colombia

Anton Basenko: INPUD,
Ukraine

Presentation of the Brooklyn McNeil Rae of Hope Award:

Centre on Drug Policy
Evaluation, Canada

**Juan Carlos Celis González
on HR25 Legacy:** Fundación
Procrear, Colombia

Michelle Wazan: Skoun,
Lebanon

Gabriella Rodriguez: QLatinx,
USA

Conference Round-Up Video:
Drugreporter, Hungary

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Building Consensus on Harm Reduction Across
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Turning Fear Into Power: How Unconventional
Leadership Creates Unprecedented Results,
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Supervised consumption rooms in Latin
American Contexts, Daniel Rojas Estupiñan, 1134

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How to make harm reduction for regulated
substances? Challenges in tackling nicotine use
and human rights of users in a complex market
interest context, Alejandra Medina, 1518

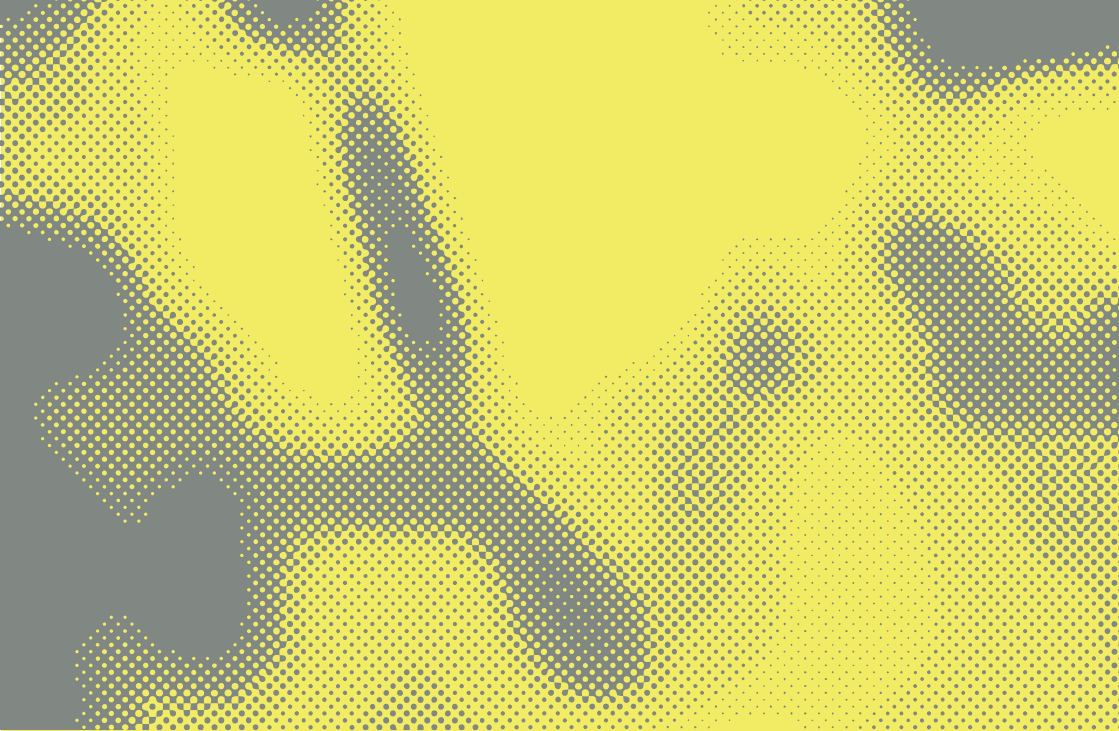
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Nicotine: Regulatory Barriers and Unintended Consequences

"Vape Prohibition in Mexico, An Involuntary
Boost to Drug Trafficking and Trade, Miguel
Angel Garcia Castro, 194;
Taxes on Safer Nicotine Products in Paraguay:
The Incentive for Smuggling and the Potential
Consequences for Consumers with Access to
Unauthorized Products, Sergio Melgarejo Salum,
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271	Yarelix Estrada	The Prevalence of Fentanyl in New York City's Unregulated Drug Supply as Measured Through Drug Checking Offered at Syringe Service Programs
288	David Filomena Velandia	"I Drink Less and That's No Small Matter": A Qualitative Descriptive Study of a Managed Alcohol Program Evaluation in Barcelona
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304	Ariel Hoadley	Disparities in the Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Continuum of Care in a US Carceral Setting

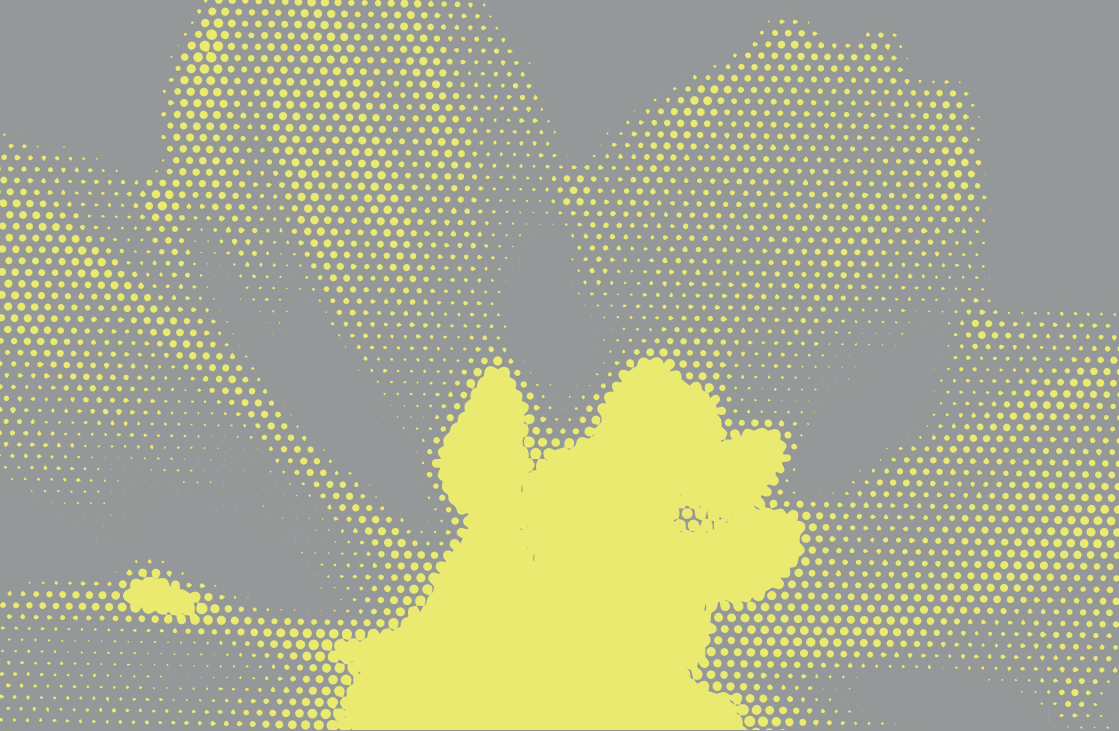
305	Laura Sisson	Solidarity & Surveillance in State-Sponsored Drug Checking Program in the State of Maryland
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355	Mary Clare Kennedy	Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Supervised Consumption Service Engagement and Outcomes Among People Who Use Drugs in a Canadian Setting
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287	Hrant Gevorgian	Implementing a Novel Approach to Empower Racial and Ethnic Minority College Students in San Bernardino County to Respond to Opioid Overdoses
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294	Janet Childerhose	Usability Testing of 5 Brands of Fentanyl Test Strips in Real-World Settings
340	Ronald Schnese	Bridging Gaps in PrEP Awareness Regarding SUD Treatment and Incarceration
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362	Molly Reid	Cyclical Substance Use, Homelessness, and Criminal-Legal Policy Perpetuate the Risk Environment for Racially Minoritized People Who Use Drugs: A Qualitative Study in Three US Locations
708	Sujata Khadka	Implementation of Harm Reduction Strategies: Prevention, Health Care and Treatment Services for Women Who Use Drugs
713	Nipa Chomphupa	Harm Reduction and Health Services for PUD (Inject and Non-Injection) During Flood Emergency in Chiang Rai, Northern Thailand
724	Gillian Kolla	Grappling with Diversion: Examining the Multiple Reasons and Meanings Underlying Sharing and Selling of Safer Supply Medications
732	Philippe Trouiller	How to Improve Access to Methadone Treatment Among People with Co-Occurring Psychiatric Disorder and Opioid Use? Answers from a Cross-Sectional Survey Conducted in Haiphong, Vietnam
381	FAWAZ SHANUN	Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution by Occupation: A Scoping Review
741	Andrea Medley	Indigenous Harm Reduction: A Scoping Review of Current Approaches & Best Practices in Harm Reduction in Indigenous Communities Across Turtle Island (North America)
417	Madeline Villalba	Harm Reduction is Healthcare: A Legislative Advocacy Toolkit for Healthcare Workers
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426	John A. Bird	Drug Checking Services in Latin America and the United States: Comparing Program Characteristics and Barriers to Implementation
779	Alhelí Calderón-Villarreal	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services Should Be Promoted as a Key Pillar of Harm Reduction
440	Vicki Beere	Co-Production at the Sharp End: What Research Can Learn About Meaningful Co-Production From the Harm Reduction Frontline
786	Leo Ziegel	Effect of Women-Centric Services on HIV Testing Uptake of Women Who Use or Inject Drugs Who Were Registered with a Harm Reduction Program in Myanmar
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470	Mary Harrod	Peer-Delivered Postal Naloxone Service Increases Availability of Overdose Prevention in NSW Australia
484	Tony Duffin	Independent Evaluation of the Law Engagement & Assisted Recovery (LEAR) Project in Dublin City
489	Andy Gish	The Georgia Naloxone Map: Naloxone Distribution Boxes Implementation in Georgia
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202	Sue Purchase	Femmes, Fetty and Eternal Forgiveness: A Feminist Approach to Harm Reduction
987	Rachel Cassie	"What Professionals Miss Is the Community Coming Together and Healing": A Community Care Initiative for Those Impacted by the Toxic Drug Crisis in Vancouver, Canada
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557	Rafaela Rigoni	We Need to Care for Ourselves: Addressing Mental Health in Harm Reduction
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1160	Julie-Soleil Meeson	Overdose Prevention Trainings Adapted to Community Realities
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1193	Sadé Lindsay	A Parental Burden or Turning Point? How Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Parenthood Shape Drug Court Participation
1125	Hathairat Nilsom	From Crisis to Care: STAR Project's Role in Advancing Harm Reduction During Disasters
1233	Cathy Long	Preferences for Prescribed Alternatives to Opioid Programs Among People Who Use Drugs in Toronto, Canada
1277	Molly Howes	Expanding the Reach of Harm Reduction: Communicating Beyond the Bubble with Values-Based Messaging
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ABOUT HARM REDUCTION INTERNATIONAL

About Us



**HARM REDUCTION
INTERNATIONAL**

Harm Reduction International (HRI) envisions a world in which drug policies uphold dignity, health and rights. We use data and advocacy to promote harm reduction and drug policy reform,

and we show how rights-based, evidence-informed responses to drugs contribute to healthier, safer societies, and why investing in harm reduction makes sense.

HRI traces its origins to the first International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm, held in Liverpool, England in 1990. The city was one of the first to open needle and syringe programmes, and attracted hundreds of visitors each year who wanted to learn about the Mersey Model of harm reduction.

The success of the first conference led to its establishment as an annual (and subsequently biennial) event, held in major cities around the world. It helped to spread the principles behind harm reduction, share knowledge and experience, and build networks of harm reduction practitioners and activists to broaden the response to HIV and unsafe injecting practices.

What we do:

- We strengthen support for harm reduction through partnerships at international, regional and national levels
- We use data and analysis to advocate for funding for harm reduction
- We use human rights standards to challenge rights violations committed in the name of drug control
- We challenge the disproportionate impact of drug control on black, brown, indigenous and ethnic minority communities
- We convene at Harm Reduction International events for learning, sharing, activism and solidarity
- We connect and collaborate with allies in health and social justice movements

Our goals:

- Harm reduction approaches and services are widely accepted, community-led and sustainably funded
- Drug policy is aligned with international human rights standards and advances equity, racial and social justice
- The harm reduction and drug policy reform movements are characterised by solidarity and equity, informed by evidence and allied with health and social justice movements

Harm Reduction International's Anti-Racist Pledge

Harm Reduction International recognises the racist, colonial and capitalist structures that determine the distribution of wealth and power globally, and the distinct relationship between racism, colonialism, global health and international drug control. This pledge is our commitment to anti-racist practice and the re-structuring of unequal racial power dynamics.

This pledge aims to:

- Set out an understanding of racism within Harm Reduction International (including among staff, consultants and board members) and with our partner organisations
- Commit to incorporating anti-racism into all aspects of our work
- Be accountable and create sustainable goals

Read more about the pledge here:



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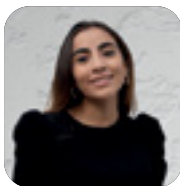
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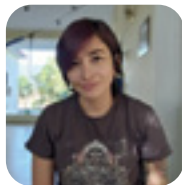
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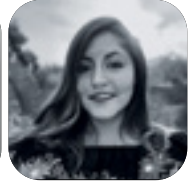
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