

INPUD Activities:

## Harm Reduction International Conference



### INPUD at the 25<sup>th</sup> Harm Reduction International Conference 2017

The International Network of People who use Drugs (INPUD) will be highly visible at the International Harm Reduction Conference in Montreal, Canada. To kick start the conference, we will be organising a one day Pre-conference. The morning will focus on sharing INPUD's work over the last two years, where we will launch our three-year strategy and 2015-2016 Annual Report which serves to showcase INPUD's work over a two-year period. The past two years has seen considerable progress and achievement for INPUD and our regional networks. We have been working hard to strengthen and develop our activities, focusing on our policy, advocacy, and programmatic work to promote the health and defend the rights of people who use drugs around the world. We have increased the organisation's capacity to mobilise communities of people who use drugs around the world and bring their voices to the forefront of local, regional, and international debates around human rights and drug policy. The afternoon will then focus on the North American network of people who use drugs.

The HRI conference is an opportunity to raise the profile of drug policy and harm reduction issues from the community perspective, with a focus on the worrying opiate overdose epidemic which has already claimed more than 30,000 lives in 2016 in the United States alone. International drug user activists will participate in numerous sessions throughout the conference, notably during the drug users' choice session.

### Programme of the Voices of Community @IHRC 2017

#### Saturday, 13th of May

- **INPUD Pre-Conference Meeting**, 10am – 1pm
- **North American Network Meeting**, 2pm – 5pm

#### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of May

##### **Opening Session Speakers**

Jordan Westfall

Jean-Francois Mary

#### Monday, 15th of May

- **Plenary Session 1: *Global Priorities for Action***, 9am - 10.30 am  
Judy Chang: Chair  
Olga Belyaeva, Panel Speaker, *The impact of criminalization on people's daily lives and health*
- **Major Session 3: *Just say no to criminalisation: Advancing human rights based policies for harm reduction***, 11.00 - 12.30  
Ruth Birgin: *The impact of criminalization on people's daily lives and health*
- **Concurrent Session 1: *Harm Reduction in Challenging Environments***, 14.00 - 15.30  
Jay Levy: Chair
- **BtGII Side Event: *Future-Proofing Harm Reduction***, 14.00 - 15.30  
Valentin Simionov, John Kimani, Edo Nasution, Shaun Shelly
- **Dialogue Space:**  
Igor Kuzmenko, *Using media in our movement*, 13.30 – 14.30

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Mat Southwell, *Technical support: Empowering people who use drugs and harm reduction practitioners to achieve excellence in harm reduction*, 15.30 – 16.00  
Robert Suarez, *Drug User Organizing in the United States*, 16.00 - 16.30  
Brun Gonzalez, *Political and social awareness through harm reduction interventions*, 17.00 - 17.30

### Tuesday, 16th of May

- **Major Session 7: *User's Choice, User's Voices***, 11.00 - 12.30  
Julian Hows: Chair  
Shaun Shelly: *Community at the heart of the response in South Africa*  
Brun Gonzalez: *The Universe of Drugs as an international harm reduction campaign!*  
Sandra Wesley: *HR management in a "by and for" organisation: making room for experiential knowledge and creating winning conditions for "peers"*  
Jean-Francois Mary: *"Making our voices heard": from a Quebec peer run harm reduction magazine to rights defense and advocacy*
- **Concurrent 15: *Naloxone: Responses from different settings***, 14.00 – 15.30  
Zoe Dodd: Chair
- **BtG photo exhibition space: *INPUD Annual Report & Strategic Plan***, 14.00 – 14.30  
Jay Levy and Valentin Simionov
- **Workshop 6:** 16.00 - 17.30 *Implementing comprehensive HIV/Hepatitis C programmes with people who inject drugs: Practical approaches for collaborative interventions*  
Judy Chang, Facilitator  
Valentin Simionov, Facilitator
- **Dialogue Space:**  
Guy Pierre Levesque: *Housing & Harm Reduction*, 13.30 – 14.30  
Julian Hows: *People living with HIV and drug user organisations: challenges and opportunities in working together*, 15.00 – 15.30  
Alexey Kurmanaevskii: *From street to government, Street Lawyers EECA*, 16.00 – 16.30  
Alexandra di Kiewit, Anna Saini: *Nothing about us without us: Meaningful inclusion of sex workers in harm reduction movement*, 16.30 – 17.30

### Wednesday, 17th of May

- **Major 10: *Fighting for Access for PWID***, 11.00 – 12.30  
Konstantine Labartkava: *Peer-based Supported Interventions in the Framework of Georgia's National HCV Elimination Program*
- **Concurrent 23: *User Activism & Resistance***  
Sut Nau: *Township community-led resistance to drug users and harm reduction in Northern Myanmar*  
Alexandra de Kiewit: *People who use drugs are mobilizing and organizing across Canada to be at the heart of the response to the opioid overdose crisis*  
TBC: *"From street to government" is the methodology how to use PWUD community-based street lawyers' testimonies for advocacy on national level, created by PWUD who are CCM members in EECA countries*
- **Concurrent 24: *Innovative community & nurse-based HCV model of care***  
Gill Bradbury: Chair

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Mary Harrod: *Elimination of hepatitis C: Don't dream it, be it – a service provider's update on the Sydney experience*

Zoe Dodd: *Engaging people who use drugs in hepatitis C treatment and care: Lessons learned from the Toronto community hep C program, Canada*

- **Asia Catalyst Side Event: Legal restrictions on civil society: Activists respond to the challenge, 12.30 - 2pm**  
Judy Chang, Panel Speaker
- **Workshop 8: Addressing the specific needs of women who inject drugs, 14.00 - 15.30**  
Ruth Birgin, Facilitator  
Judy Chang, Facilitator

### Closing Session Speaker

Alexandra de Kiewit