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Harm Reduction 2010: IHRA's 21st International Conference

WELCOME TO LIVERPOOL

Welcome to the historic city of Liverpool and to IHRA's 21st annual conference. Liverpool is where the conferences began in 1990 and a lot has happened in harm reduction across the world since then, as the contents of the programme for this conference graphically illustrate.

The city dates back over 800 years. It is one of the greatest seaports in history, home of The Beatles, fanatical about football and European Capital of Culture in 2008. It offers something for everyone and we hope that you will take the opportunity during your stay to take in the sights and learn something of the local culture.

Information about the local area has been provided in the delegate bag you received when you registered for the conference and more information about the city and the wider area of Merseyside can be obtained from staff at the information desk in the entrance lobby to the conference centre.

Liverpool prides itself on being a friendly and diverse city, with a rich cultural mix and heritage. 'Scousers' – as we are known – look forward to hosting all of you and to making this year's conference a memorable and fitting celebration of 21 years of harm reduction conferences.

WELCOMES FROM IHRA

Dear Delegate,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Harm Reduction 2010: IHRA's 21st International Conference. I am especially pleased to welcome you to this 21st birthday event. The first conference was held here in Liverpool in 1990, and after 21 years it is good to be back in the city that launched these conferences.

The conference has grown in significance and stature over the years. The first event attracted around 400 of the early harm reduction workers. At that time harm reduction – especially related to HIV – had only been under development in a small number of countries. The first conference brought together many of the policy makers and frontline practitioners who were experimenting with and promoting the new idea of reducing drug related harm. Over the years the conference has been to many other countries and grown into the event that you will be participating in during the next four days.

This is now the pre-eminent meeting for the exchange of knowledge and ideas about harm reduction. It brings together politicians, policy makers, drug user activists, frontline workers, police, researchers, and educationalists.

On behalf of IHRA's Board of Directors, I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to this event including our conference partners, the Conference Consortium, and also the hundreds of people including you who will make these few days such a success.

IHRA is the leading organisation promoting harm reduction approach for all psychoactive substances on a global basis. Our work is to aim to improve public health, the human rights of people who use drugs, and reduce the individual and community harms from psychoactive drug use, and challenge laws and policies that have negative effects on the lives of all drug users. There are many members of the IHRA Board of Governors and IHRA staff at this conference, and they will be delighted to tell you more about IHRA's work. I wish you a successful conference.

Dr Mukta Sharma

Chair of the Board of Directors International Harm Reduction Association

Dear Delegate,

IHRA's 21st birthday conference reminds us of how much has happened in the last two decades and what needs to be done as we move through the third decade of harm reduction. Being here in Liverpool to celebrate 21 years of the conference is a reminder of those first experimental HIV-related harm reduction projects. In 1986 Liverpool was home to one of the first three needle and syringe exchanges in the United Kingdom. The first needle and syringe exchange here in Liverpool was housed in a converted toilet in the Mersey Regional Drug Training and Information Centre.

Liverpool and the surrounding region saw a huge outburst of innovative and creative ways of responding to drug-related harms including outreach, peer education, micro-communications, expansion of methadone prescribing, and some heroin prescribing. This all came together in what became known as the Mersey Harm Reduction Model. In those first few years of harm reduction – between 1986 and the first conference in 1990 – there were parallel developments and a large interchange of ideas between people working here in the UK, in Europe, Australasia and North America.

As delegates, we have much to thank those pioneers for the work they did and the examples they set.

Moving through the third decade, we can reflect on how much has been achieved in terms of the acceptance of harm reduction around the world. However, much more needs to be done and there remain big obstacles to harm reduction: this includes a lack of resources, neglect of human rights and the damage caused by drug laws.

The conference is a lively meeting place which each year brings new challenges and new ideas. Please take advantage of the next few days and help contribute to and shape the next decade of harm reduction.



WELCOME FROM THE CONFERENCE CONSORTIUM

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to the conference, which marks the Conference Consortium's fourth collaboration with IHRA and marks the 21st anniversary of the first conference in 1990.

It is a great pleasure for the conference team, and a particular pleasure for me as a native son of Merseyside, to welcome you. Mukta and Gerry in their welcomes make reference to the beginnings and remarkable development of harm reduction, and acknowledge the role Liverpool played in this. It seems then most appropriate that we come together here to both take stock of what we have achieved and to look forward to the great challenges ahead for the 'next generation'.

The programme has something for everyone and combines formal sessions with a number of other activities, including the Dialogue Space, located in the exhibition area, which proved so popular during last year's conference in Bangkok, and the increasingly popular and influential Film Festival, now in its seventh year.

The members of the conference team, including an enthusiastic group of volunteers, are here to help you in any way we can, to make the experience of Harm Reduction 2010 fruitful, enjoyable and memorable. Everyone has worked hard to produce the event and we look forward to receiving your feedback – both incidental during the conference and via the forms we will ask you to complete at the end – which will help us in developing ideas for future events.

I would like to record my thanks to all of our sponsors and exhibitors and those organisations that have generously provided support in the form of scholarships to enable people to attend the conference. Many of these supporters have exhibition stands and I would encourage you to visit these during the conference.

The Conference Consortium was formed to promote debate and the exchange of information on good practice in all areas related to drug and alcohol policy. Through our association with IHRA we have been able to achieve this aim in a significant way. The close working relationship between the respective staff teams has made this possible and we look forward to continuing this here in Liverpool and into the future.

Enjoy the conference!

Best wishes

Paddy Costall

Managing Director

Conference Consortium

WELCOME FROM THE LOCAL ORGANISERS

Dear Delegate,

On behalf of the Liverpool local organising committee for Harm Reduction 2010 we offer you a warm welcome to our city and the 21st anniversary conference. Liverpool is a city full of passion, history, culture and humour – if you arrived here as a visitor we hope you leave us as a friend who will be back to spend time with us again soon.

Liverpool hosted the first Reduction of Drug Related Harm Conference in 1990. This highly influential annual conference has gone from strength to strength, travelling the world and now returning to where we feel is its spiritual home.

The Liverpool local organising committee is made up of a team of local professionals drawn from a range of services and organisations who worked together with a common aim – to bring the 2010 conference to our city and to contribute to making it the best ever event of its kind. We look forward to meeting you, to sharing our city with you, and most importantly to continuing the work started here 21 years ago.

Welcome to your 21st anniversary conference in Liverpool!

Sally Woods & Jim McVeigh

Joint Chairs, Liverpool 2010 local organising committee

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CONFERENCE STAFF



Gerry Stimson - Programme Director

Jamie Bridge - Programme Manager (to December 2009)

Jennifer Curcio - Scholarship Manager

Michael Kessler - Media Consultant

Annie Kuch - Programme Manager (from December 2009)

Andreas Woreth - Front of House Manager



Paddy Costall – Conference Director
Gill Bradbury – Medical Co-ordinator
Przemek Cieślak – Conference Assistant
Grzegorz Król – Technical Director
Bisola Obileye – Finance Director
Andy Stonard – Exhibition Manager
Joanna Szostakowska – Conference Manager
Michelle Vatin – Central Resources Director
Teresa Williams – Exhibition Manager
Magdalena Zięba – Conference Assistant

The staff are supported by a group of volunteers who will all be wearing T-shirts in the conference colour to help you identify them. We are here to help you in any way we can, so please don't hesitate to contact one of us should you have questions or require assistance.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

The development, production and delivery of each conference is only possible because of the assistance of a large number of individuals who give generously of their time. The organisers would like to offer to them a genuine vote of thanks for all their efforts.

EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (EPC)

The EPC is a professional body composed of distinguished people from the harm reduction field. Their role is to create the conference programme by organising sessions themselves, or by creating sessions out of the abstracts that have been submitted online. The EPC is representative of the host nation and region and also includes community members, young people and people who use drugs. Its members for Harm Reduction 2010 were:

Cinzia Brentari, Connections Project

Jamie Bridge, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Catherine Cook, International Harm Reduction Association

Greg Denham, Nossal Institute for Global Health

Martin Donoghoe, World Health Organization – Regional Office for Furone

Stephane Ibanez-de-Benito, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and International Nursing Harm Reduction Network

Natalia Khodakevich, Russia

Anna Koshikova, All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV Ilham Lagrich, Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Network Smiljka de Lussigny, World Health Organization – Regional Office for Europe

Jim McVeigh, Liverpool John Moores University

Russell Newcombe, Lifeline Project

Tim Rhodes, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Eric Schneider, ACCES and the International Network of People Who Use Drugs

Gerry Stimson, International Harm Reduction Association Kate Thomson, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Annette Verster, HIV/AIDS Department Sally Woods, Liverpool John Moores University

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Joanna Szostakowska, Conference Consortium

STAFF AND COMMITTEES

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ADVISORY GROUP (IPAG)

The IPAG comprises professionals from the harm reduction field representing the various strands of activity and different groups involved. Its tasks include proposing items for inclusion in the conference programme and also peer reviewing abstracts submitted to assist the EPC in its deliberations to create the final programme for the conference. Its members for Harm Reduction 2010 were:

Elie Aaraj, Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Network

Maria Boltaeva, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Holly Bradford, Korsang Jamie Bridge, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Jude Byrne, International Network of People Who Use Drugs

Rosie Campbell, UK Network of Sex Work Projects

Catherine Cook, International Harm Reduction Association

Linda Cusick, University of the West of Scotland

Pablo Cymerman, Intercambios Asociación Civil

Kora DeBeck, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

Jason Farrell, Harm Reduction Consulting Services, Inc. Robyn Few, The Sex Workers

Outreach Project

Christine Ford, Substance Misuse Management in General Practice

Allen Frimpong, YouthRISE Catherine Healy, New Zealand Prostitutes Collective

Dagmar Hedrich, The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

Vivian Hope, Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour & Health Protection Agency

Marisa Ingleton, Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association

Saliia Toktogulovna Karymbaeva, World Health Organization (CHECK DEPARTMENT)

Andrej Kastelic, South Eastern European - Adriatic Addiction Treatment Network

John-Peter Kools, Netherlands Vikram Laishram, Manipur IntraVenous League

Jeffrey Lazarus, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Lisa Maher, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research

Xavier Majó-Roca, Department of Health, Government of Catalonia

Mick Matthews, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Simona Merkinaite, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network

Warren D Michelow, University of British Columbia

Geoffrey Monaghan, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Pat O'Hare, International Harm Reduction Association Promboon Panitchpakdi, Raks

Thai Foundation Suksma Ratri, CARAM Asia

Gary Reid, World Health Organization, South East Asia Regional Office

Roxanne Saucier, Open Society Institute

Eberhard Schatz, Correlation Network

Valentin Simionov, Romanian Harm Reduction Network

Siddharth Singh, Asian Harm Reduction Network

Deborah Peterson Small, Break the Chains

Mat Southwell, International Network of People who Use

Berne Stalenkrantz, Swedish Drug Users Union

Tori Talavera, YouthRISE Pascal Tanguay, Asian Harm Reduction Network

Carla Treloar, University of New South Wales

Dwight Vick, West Texas A&M University

Elena Yakovleva, AIDS Foundation East-West

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS - LIVERPOOL 2010

Each year, IHRA and the Consortium work closely with a Local Organising Committee, formed of key organisations, individuals and community members from the host country. This committee is responsible for promoting and facilitating local engagement with the event, supporting the development of the conference, helping to recruit volunteers and supporting the organisation of social and cultural events. Its members for Harm Reduction 2010 were:

Alan McGee - Independent Trainer

Bob Dale - Merseycare

Dawn Fantin - Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

Ian Noble - Merseyside Police

World Bank www.worldbank.org

Jim McVeigh - Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

Jennifer Donnelly - Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

Joanne Christensen - Service User Representative

John Rankin - Merseyside Police

Kate Prescott - The Mersey Partnership

Nick Evans - Addaction

Rosie Campbell - UKNSWP

Russell Newcombe - Independent Researcher Lifeline

Sue Neely - Liverpool PCT

Sally Woods - Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year scholarships and other types of financial support are awarded to a large number of individuals to enable them to attend, participate and present at this conference. This is crucial to ensure 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. To enable us to do this we rely on financial support from a number of organisations. This year we are very grateful to the following for their generous financial contributions to support our efforts:

Conference Consortium www.conferenceconsortium.com DFID (UK Department for International Development) www.dfid.gov.uk IHRA (International Harm Reduction Association) www.ihra.net IHRD (Open Society Institute's International Harm Reduction Development Program) www.soros.org/harm-reduction UNAIDS www.unaids.org

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IHRA AWARDS

Each year IHRA acknowledges those who have made outstanding contributions to the field of harm reduction by presenting a range of awards at the annual conference. The International Rolleston Award will be presented during the Opening Session of the conference. The other awards will be presented during a special ceremony in the PanAm Restaurant and Bar, on Wednesday 28th April – more details of this can be found on page 9 of this reader.

A description of each award, together with a list of previous award winners in each category, is printed below.

THE INTERNATIONAL ROLLESTON AWARD

This award is presented to an individual who has carried out groundbreaking work or excellent service to the reduction of drug- and/or alcohol-related harm at an international level. Examples of such work include advocating for harm reduction programmes and practice, dedicated delivery of harm reduction teaching and training, advancing scientific research and the evidence-base for harm reduction, or the continued provision of funding or resources for harm reduction initiatives.

THE NATIONAL ROLLESTON AWARD

This award is presented to a group or individual that has made an outstanding contribution to the reduction of drug- and alcohol-related harm in the nation which is hosting the IHRA conference that year.

THE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARD

This award is given to the best film or documentary on an issue relating to the reduction of drug-related harm shown during the conference Film Festival. This award is jointly presented by IHRA and the organisers of the Film Festival – the Centre for Harm Reduction at the Burnet Institute, Australia.

THE CAROL AND TRAVIS JENKINS AWARD

Since the 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm in Belfast (2005), this award has been presented each year to a current or former drug user who has made an outstanding contribution to reducing drug-related harm. The award was initially named after Travis Jenkins, the extraordinary jazz musician and composer who died of cancer in 2004. Travis Jenkins overcame a heroin addiction in order to marry and raise two sons, travel around the world with his anthropologist wife and create his music. In 2009, the award was 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 the setting up of the National AIDS Council. Carol Jenkins was renowned for her research into sexual behaviour and who 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.

THE BONNIE DEVLIN MEMORIAL SCOLARSHIP

This award was inaugurated at Harm Reduction 2008, in Barcelona. It has been developed as a tribute to Bonnie Devlin, a women who was not only instrumental in the organisation of the 1996 International AIDS Conference and the 2006 IHRA Conference (both in Canada), but also in the development of community programmes, services and research for people affected by drug use.

THE PAOLO PERTICA FELLOWSHIP

Established in 2004 by the European Network of Drugs and Infections Prevention in Prisons (ENDIPP) in recognition of the work of Paolo Pertica with imprisoned drug users in the UK and his efforts to forge links between organisations and individuals in other countries undertaking similar work, the aim of the Fellowship is to encourage innovative harm reduction work or research in prison and other custodial settings by enabling the recipients to develop small projects. These projects must clearly demonstrate how they contribute to improving the conditions of those individuals in custody who either have drug use or HIV-related needs. In 2009 this award was established as an IHRA award.



INTERNATIONAL ROLLESTON AWARD WINNERS

1992 Dave Purchase on behalf of North American Syringe Exchange (USA)

1993 Ernie Drucker (USA)

1994 Alex Wodak (Australia)

1995 Anne Coppell (France)

1996 Aaron Peake (Nepal)

1997 Luigi Ciotti (Italy)

1998 Nick Crofts (Australia)

1999 Jean-Paul Grund (Netherlands)

2000 Pat O'Hare (Italy)

2001 Fabio Mesquita (Brazil)

2002 Ethan Nadelmann (USA)

2003 Ambros Uchtenhagen (Switzerland)

2004 Anya Sarang (Russia)

2005 Zunyou Wu (China)

2006 Robert Newman (USA)

2007 Vladimir Mendelevich (Russia)

2008 Andrew Ball (Australia)

2009 Ralf Jürgens (Canada), and Sam Friedman

(USA)

NATIONAL ROLLESTON AWARD WINNERS

1992 Les Drew (Australia)

1993 Wijnand Mulder (Netherlands)

1994 Catherine Hankins (Canada)

1995 San Giuliano Unità di Strada (Italy)

1996 The Australian IV League (Australia)

1997 Alain Mucchielli (France)

1998 Tarcisio Andrade (Brazil)

1999 André Seidenberg (Switzerland)

2000 Mike Wavell (Jersey)

2001 Jimmy Dorabiee (India)

2002 Tatja Kostnapfel-Rihtar (Slovenia) 2003 Mae Chan Project (Thailand)

2004 Tony Trimingham (Australia)

2005 Des Flannagan (Northern Ireland)

2006 The Drug User Advisory Group (Canada)

2007 Marek Zygadło (Poland)

2008 Àmbit Prevenció (Spain)

2009 Thai Drug Users' Network (Thailand)

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARD WINNERS

2004 "Hi Dad" - Theresa Wynnyk and Sherry McKibben (Canada)

2005 "Mohammad and the Matchmaker" - Maziar Bahari (Iran)

2006 "Worth Saving" - Gretchen Hildebran and Leah Wolchok (USA) 2007 "FrontAids" – Eugene Zaharov and Sergey Bogatyrev (Russia)

2009 "A Cleaner Fix" David Gungh (Indonesia)

- David Eberhardt (USA)

2008 "Harm reduction video, Cambodia - Injecting Drug Use"

CAROL AND TRAVIS JENKINS AWARD WINNERS

2005 Paisan Suwannawong (Thailand) 2006 Jason Farrell (USA) 2007 Alexandra Volgina (Russia)

2008 Theo van Dam (Netherlands) 2009 Holly Bradford (Cambodia)

THE BONNIE DEVLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2008 Ananda Pun (Nepal)

2009 Dmytro Sherembey (Ukraine)

THE PAOLO PERTICA FELLOWSHIP

In 2009 this award was established as an IHRA award. Saman Zamani was the first person to be awarded the Paolo Pertica Fellowship at the Bangkok conference in 2009. Saman will be presenting the findings of his report "Monitoring patterns of drug-related risk behaviors among

prisoners recruited from prison units with either MMT or NSP" which has been supported by the fellowship, on Wednesday 28th at 16.00 in session C33: Drug Use and Infections in Prisons: Perspectives from the Inside

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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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You will find a diagram showing details of the venue inside the back cover of this reader. We hope that this will assist you in navigating your way around the building. Should you have any problems with this, or require any additional information not included here, please ask one of the conference staff or volunteers, or visit the information desk on the ground floor, next to the main entrance.

Please note that the entire building is non-smoking. The only place you can smoke is outside and please use the bins provided to dispose of used smoking materials and other waste.

REGISTRATION AND DELEGATE BADGES

The Registration and Information Desk is located next to the main entrance to the venue on the ground floor. Event management staff and volunteers will serve at this desk at the following times:

- ♦ Wednesday 28th April 07:30–18:00

Conference delegates must wear their badges at all times in order to gain access to the conference sessions and exhibition areas, as well as the conference reception and party. Conference volunteers and the venue security will not allow anyone to enter the conference area without a valid badge.

If you have mislaid your badge, please contact the registration desk on the ground floor. Replacement badges will be issued at a cost of GBP 100 each.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Following the Opening Ceremony on Sunday 25th April the formal programme for the conference will run daily from 09:00 to 17:30 Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th April and from 09:00 to 17:00 on Thursday 29th April. Full details of the programme are contained in a later section of this reader.

LANGUAGES AND TRANSLATION

The official language for IHRA conferences is English. However, the conference organisers are committed to providing simultaneous translation into at least one additional language each year. For Harm Reduction 2010 – simultaneous translation will be provided between English and Russian and English and French for over half of the formal conference programme – including:

- Opening and Closing Sessions
- Plenary and Major Sessions
- half of the Concurrent Sessions (those that are taking place in rooms 1, 3 and 11)

Translation headsets can be obtained on the ground floor, next to the main entrance to the venue. To obtain a headset, delegates are required to deposit a valid passport, identification card or credit card, which will be returned in exchange for the headset at the end of each day. Delegates will be charged GBP 160 for lost or misplaced headsets.

In order to avoid large queues for headsets, please think ahead and obtain your headset during the breaks before each session. Please return the headset equipment at the end of each day.

SPEAKERS

All speakers MUST upload their presentation slides in the "Speakers Room" at least 12 hours before their session – and WILL NOT be able to upload their presentations in the session rooms.

The "Speakers Room" is Room 10 located on the auditorium level, and it will be open as follows:

- \$\times\$ Sunday 25th April 10:00 to 16:00
- ☼ Monday 26th April 08:00 to 17:00

- \$\times\$ Thursday 29th April 08:00 to 11:00

FILM FESTIVAL

Film presentations and screenings will take place on the auditorium level in Room 1B. Please see the separate "Film Festival Programme" for further information.

POSTERS

Posters will be exhibited in the foyer on the auditorium level. There will be 2 poster sessions: Session 1: Monday 26^{th} – Tuesday 27^{th} and Session 2: Wednesday 28^{th} to Thursday 29^{th} with different posters displayed during each. Change of display will take place after lunch on Tuesday 27^{th} . The prime time for viewing will be during 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.

EXHIBITION AREA AND DIALOGUE SPACE

This is located in the basement (level –1). The exhibitors are key supporters of the IHRA conferences and we encourage all delegates to take the time to explore the numerous display stands. The area also hosts the dialogue space – a recent addition to the conferences – where there will be a programme of more 'informal' presentations, discussions and debates taking place throughout the conference. More information about these sessions has been provided on a separate sheet in the delegate bags.

LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

From Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th April morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea will be served in the exhibition area. On Thursday 29th April morning coffee and lunch will be served in the exhibition area, with afternoon tea available in the foyer on the auditorium level. To enter the exhibition area all delegates must display a valid delegate badge.

Serving times for lunch and refreshments are:

- ☼ Morning coffee 10:30 to 11:00
- \$\times\$ Lunch 12:30 to 14:00 (Thursday 29th April 12:30 to 13:30)
- ☼ Afternoon tea 15:30 to 16:00 (Thursday 29th April 15:00 to 15:30)

WELCOME RECEPTION

All delegates are cordially invited to the opening Welcome Reception, hosted by Kevin Molloy, Chair of the Conference Consortium. The Mayor and local dignitaries welcome you on behalf of the City of Liverpool.

IHRA AWARDS CEREMONY AND CONFERENCE PARTY

The annual IHRA Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 28th April in the PanAm Restaurant and Bar, located in the Albert Dock, very close to the main conference venue. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 20:00 (doors open at 19:30) and on arrival guests will be offered a complimentary drink and canapés. More information about the IHRA Awards can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this reader.

Immediately after the Awards Ceremony the conference party will also take place in the PanAm. Entertainment will be provided by the Mersey Beatles, a well-known tribute band to Liverpool's most famous sons, who will be supported by our very own Harm Reduction All Stars.

To enter the Awards Ceremony and conference party all delegates must display a valid delegate badge. The venue has limited capacity and no exceptions can be made. Please ensure that you arrive early to avoid disappointment.

MEDICAL AND HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

In addition to general first aid services provided by staff from the venue, there will be some specialist medical, health care and harm reduction facilities coordinated by Gill Bradbury – Registered General Nurse – and her assistants, Claire Gavin and Jan Hucker, who are also experienced harm reduction practitioners. They will be available, for individual consultation, in the designated medical room (Room 8) during conference hours. They will conduct a brief triage assessment to establish which external services you require referral to, and will make the necessary arrangements for you to attend and receive treatment there. No prescribing services will be available on site and acute / primary health care needs will be met by a local General Practitioner (doctor) following triage assessment.

Due to local requirements, for delegates who were unable to export controlled drugs from their country for the purpose of substitution therapy, continuation of prescribing (for the conference duration and travel home) will only be possible for those people who have made all the necessary arrangements in advance. This includes having a doctor's letter – (written clearly, in English) from your existing treatment provider, detailing drug type, daily dose and frequency, as well as any significant health problems.

INTERNET CAFE

An Internet cafe – kindly supported by H2 Events – is available in the basement, near to the exhibition area. This is for delegates to use to check and send business e-mails. Please be considerate in your use of this facility, particularly at times of high demand, during coffee, lunch and tea breaks.

Wi-Fi access can be purchased from the venue. If you require this please contact the Business Centre in the main lobby of the venue.

MFDIA

All media and press matters are handled by Michael Kessler, IHRA's media consultant, who can be contacted in Room 6.

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PROGRAMME

Sunday 25th April 2010

16:20 OPENING SESSION

Room 1 OS

Opening of Harm Reduction 2010: IHRA's 21st International Conference

Welcome to Liverpool

Paddy Costall, Managing Director, Conference Consortium

MD Productions - Liverpool's award-winning dance and entertainment group

Opening session of the conference

Chaired by Mukta Sharma, Chair of the International Harm Reduction Association

Michael Brown, Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool John Moore's University

Paul Hayes, Executive Director, NHS National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse

Gerry Stimson, Executive Director, IHRA

Keynote conference address and the Rolleston Oration

Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS

2010 International Rolleston Award

Pat O'Hare, Honorary President of IHRA: presentation of the Award

Welcome addresses

Mat Southwell - International Network of People Who Use Drugs

Allen Frimpong - YouthRISE

Gary Reid - 7th International Drugs and Harm Reduction Film Festival

18:45

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR ALL DELEGATES

All delegates are warmly welcomed to the opening Welcome Reception. Hosted by Kevin Molloy, Chair of the Conference Consortium. The Mayor and local dignitaries welcome you on behalf of the City of Liverpool

M03

Monday 26th April 2010

09:00-10:30 PLENARY SESSION

Room 1 P1

Chair: Mariam Claeson

Harm Reduction: Next Generation Challenges

Bradley Mathers

732 How successful have global efforts to expand HIV prevention been? Results of a global systematic review

Gerry Stimson

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Urban Weber

338 The Global Fund's leadership on harm reduction

Alvaro Bermeio

946 A health system's strengthening approach to development financing: what does it mean for harm reduction?

10:30-11:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30 MAJORS

Doom 1A M01 Doom 2 M02 Doom 11

Chair: Simona Merkinaite

Young Drug Users: Emerging Drugs and New Trends

Chantale Kallas

961 Youth-centered treatment: having youth at the center of harm reduction

Iulia-Veronica Broasca

1014 Invisible for the state!

Aram Barra

382 Young people, harm reduction and non-injectable drugs

Kolawole Oreoluwa

1015 Advocacy for harm reduction in Oyo State, Nigeria: lesson learned

Kyla Zanardi

970 Youth RISE up HIV prevention!

Room 3

Chair: Roland Simon

Harm Reduction in Europe

Paul Griffiths

301 Harm reduction in Europe: the historical and political context, current perspectives and future challenges

Franz Trautmann

452 Global drug policy developments in the past decade: looking for a balance between harm reduction and repression

Mat Southwell

606 A European harm reduction network: strengthening civil society to promote and defend harm reduction

Eberhard Schatz

609 Harm reduction in Europe: experiences, lessons learnt and what's next

Room 11

Chair: Andrew Ball

Evidence in Harm Reduction

Tim Rhodes

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Jean-Paul Grund

114 A review of the evidence for peer-driven interventions in harm reduction and examples of recent applications in new populations and areas of intervention: the PROZE trial

David Marsh

979 The Canadian randomized trial of Diacetylmorphine vs. Methadone for opioid addiction

Catherine Cook

894 The Global State of Harm Reduction 2010

12:30–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

MORNING

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How successful have global efforts to expand HIV prevention been? Results of a global systematic review P1

Background: Needle and syringe programmes (NSP) and opioid substitution treatment (OST) are implemented in an increasing number of countries worldwide. These interventions must be implemented to scale and must successfully reach significant proportions of IDU populations. Global and regional estimates of NSP and OST coverage are lacking, but necessary to understand progress towards achieving an adequate response to HIV among IDUs.

Methodology: The Reference Group to the United Nations on HIV and Injecting Drug Use undertook a systematic review of data describing NSP and OST service provision worldwide, gathering data from: peer-reviewed literature searches (1864 documents reviewed); online searches for non-peer-reviewed material (751 documents); document hand-searches (462 documents identified); requests for data from relevant organisations and individuals (300 personal/official communications plus 95 documents received). A multi-stage process of country-level consultation with experts from various sectors incountry was used to obtain feedback on data accuracy and completeness.

Results: NSPs have been introduced in 82 countries containing 81% of the estimated global IDU population (GIP). Worldwide, <10% of IDUs access NSPs per year; only 8 countries (3% GIP) achieved a level of >50%. The extent of needle-syringe distribution varies substantially between countries; globally, fewer than 20 needlessyringes are distributed per IDU per year. Eastern Europe has the highest regional IDU prevalence, but less than 1 syringe is distributed per IDU per month. OST has been introduced in 73 countries (64% GIP), with approximately 1.2 million people in treatment. Only 65 countries (61% GIP) have implemented both NSP and OST.

Conclusion: Even where countries have introduced these core HIV-prevention interventions, the scale of implementation varies widely, and few have achieved coverage that may contain or reduce HIV epidemics among IDUs. These results confirm an urgent need for NSPs and OST to be expanded globally.

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Three cents a day is not enough: resourcing HIV harm reduction on a global basis P1

Background: Effective, affordable technologies exist to prevent the spread of HIV infection among people who inject drugs. The international community has endorsed universal access to prevention. Yet many people do not get the prevention services which they need and to which they are entitled. Access to and coverage of harm reduction interventions is poor.

Methods: We aimed to collect information on HIV-related harm reduction expenditure in low and middle

income countries, 2007–9. Harm reduction was defined as the comprehensive package of interventions. We obtained information from donors' websites, project financial reports, websites of multilateral agencies, web searches, a questionnaire to country and philanthropic donors and through personal contacts. Given the poor quality of the data we tried to cross-check information against various sources. Our aim was to come up with a plausible estimate of spend.

Results: It is not possible with the present record-keeping systems of donor agencies to arrive at a definitive figure. There are considerable difficulties in calculating harm reduction expenditure but we suggest that a plausible estimate of the total annual investment in harm reduction in low and middle income countries was around \$160m in 2007. This falls far short of the estimated \$2–3 billion that UNAIDS indicates is required each year for HIV prevention for people who inject drugs. The spend per injector is 3 US cents per day or \$12.8 per year. About one-third to one-half of this would have been spent on direct harm reduction services.

Conclusions: Global expenditure on harm reduction must be better monitored. The scale of investment in harm reduction needs to be quickly and radically increased and be proportionate to need. Donors should set targets for the proportion of spend going to HIV harm reduction, with 20% of prevention funds going to harm reduction.

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The Global Fund's leadership on harm reduction P1

Injecting drug use is a major driver of the HIV epidemic globally, particularly in Eastern Europe and Asia. Whilst a robust body of evidence points to the effectiveness of harm reduction programmes to halt and reverse epidemics driven by injecting drug use, uptake of these programmes in developing and transitional countries has been slow. In part, this stems from inadequate financial resources for harm reduction; legal, sociocutural and medical barriers leading to stigmatisation; and weak health systems unequipped to manage marginalised groups. In low-income countries where programmes have been rolled-out, coverage remains low.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, established in 2002, has become the major source of external funding for harm reduction programmes in countries experiencing concentrated HIV epidemics driven by injecting drug use. Between 2004 and the end of 2008, the Global Fund invested around US \$180m in harm reduction programmes in 42 countries. This funding has helped to initiate and scale up harm reduction programmes in settings where domestic funding was lacking – for example, in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, where a number of countries benefiting from Global Fund-financed grants implemented by a range of stakeholders, predominantly by civil society organisations, are now reporting coverage rates of over 30%.

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In addition to financing harm reduction programmes globally, through its inclusive approach to managing HIV epidemics in varied contexts, the Global Fund has stimulated a strong dialogue between at-risk groups and governments. Further, in a number of fora, the Global Fund has engaged in a dialogue with countries to encourage an evidence-based approach to policy-making that recognises the immense value of harm reduction in HIV prevention and control – an approach the Global Fund will continue to support in the years to come.

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A health system's strengthening approach to development financing: what does it mean for harm reduction?

Issue: Global commitments to universal access for people who use drugs have not been met. Coverage of services remains poor. In 2010, global financing for HIV is moving away from targeted HIV-specific programmes to "wider" programmes that strengthen health systems in developing countries. Are resources for targeted HIV-related interventions for people who use drugs threatened?

Setting: Injecting-related HIV prevalence continues to rise in many developing and transitional countries.

Key arguments: Health financing trends that increase investment in government-led health services present problems for people who use drugs. Mainstream health services are a site of discrimination and human rights violations for people who use drugs across the world. A health system's approach to health financing may lead to a reduction in resources for HIV/AIDS programmes, and therefore a reduction in harm reduction programmes.

In countries with weak health systems, the needs of drug users for comprehensive care may not be prioritised. In undemocratic states, government health systems will continue to exclude or harm drug users. In both settings, civil society organisations are a way to get services to people who use drugs.

Outcomes: Civil society organisations can get services to people who use drugs while the long-term task of strengthening health systems is underway. Health planning will need increasingly to integrate community-based and health facility-based health care.

The HIV work that is not clinic-based – HIV prevention, community mobilisation and outreach, advocacy for rights, police and community education – will need continued investment.

Implications: Set health systems' strengthening targets that address the HIV and other health needs of people who use drugs.

Build capacity of civil society providers of health and social services to meet HIV targets.

Advocate for WHO to commit to tackling stigma and discrimination related to HIV and drug use in health care settings.

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Shift of paradigm in drug-related public policies in the Argentine Republic and Latin American countries

Argentina, like all the other Latin American countries, has adhered to the 1961, 1971 and 1988 United Nations Conventions on drugs and the subsequent laws that have been passed reflect this by penalising possession of drugs for personal use and imposing heavy penalties for drug trafficking and even micro-traffic. This enforcement-focused approach to drug control has placed a heavy burden on the judicial system and the high incarceration rates for drug-related offences have led to prison overcrowding.

To address the negative consequences of prohibition, many countries in Latin America have enacted a series of laws to discriminalise the possession of small quantities of drugs for personal use: Brazil (2006), Chile (2005), Paraguay (1988), Uruguay (1998), Mexico (2009). Argentina's and Colombia's Supreme Courts have recently followed suit in the cases of "Arriola" and "Bastidas" 2009, respectively.

The Argentinian goverment's decision, translated at an international level into the United Nations (51st session, March 2008), advocating a paradigm shift in drug policy towards greater emphasis on access to the health care and respect for the drug user's dignity and basic human rights. At a national level the shift led to the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Drugs, aimed at developing drug-related programmes from a public health perspective, and pursuing reform of domestic and international drug control systems in line with the international conventions on human rights.

The committee's calls for reform highlighted the need to ensure access to health care as the central focus of any drug policy, as well as critiquing the failure of the current drug policy on supply control and demand reduction indicators. This critique demonstrated in particular the futility of enforcement efforts which disproportionately focused on low-level users and small-scale dealers.

915 Decriminalisation: pushing the limits of drug control P2

Almost all nations are currently members of the global drug prohibition regime. This operates via a UN-based treaty system comprising a suite of three international drug control conventions: the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (as amended by the 1972 Protocol), the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and the 1988 Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. The bedrock of the regime is the Single Convention. This contains a general obligation for signatory nations, subject to the

provisions of the convention, to limit exclusively to medical and scientific purposes the production, manufacture, export, import, distribution of, trade in, use and possession of drugs. Although the prohibitionist ethos of the regime is beyond doubt, the conventions nonetheless contain a certain degree of flexibility. This presentation explores the various legal mechanisms behind such "wiggle room" and outlines how a growing number of parties to the conventions have engaged in "soft defection" from the regime's prohibitive expectancy; a process involving interpretative strategies that keep national policies within the confines of the letter, if not the spirit, of the international legal framework. Despite such grey areas, latitude is by no means unlimited, however. Indeed, it will be shown how, in expanding domestic policy space, many states are now at the limits of what is legally permissible within the extant regime. The presentation will also show how while the conventions permit a degree of policy flexibility in terms of possession for personal use, there is no such scope for production and supply. This is a particularly acute point of tension as more jurisdictions adopt tolerant approaches to dealing with the recreational use of cannabis.

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National strategy on drugs in Portugal: innovation and evidence

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In 1999, the Portuguese government approved the first national strategy on drugs, a historic turning point for drug policy. One of the measures proposed by the strategy was the decriminalisation of consumption and possession of all illicit drugs for personal use (defined as a quantity that must not exceed that needed for average individual consumption over ten days). In 2001, this was made law in Portugal. This new law meant that personal consumption and possession would no longer be considered a crime, but would constitute an administrative offence – therefore no longer carrying a penalty of imprisonment.

The main purpose of this law was to prevent and reduce drug use and to promote and protect the health and social well-being of people who use drugs and encourage them to enter treatment. Eight years later, all the available evidence and indicators suggest that the overall impact of this law has been positive – although a direct link between these results and decriminalisation cannot be assumed. Decriminalisation is one element of a comprehensive national strategy aimed at preventing drug use, facilitating access to counselling and treatment, and establishing effective measures to reduce the adverse health and social consequences of drug use.

There have been some problems and challenges in implementing the law and we intend to propose some $\,$

adjustments to it in the near future, based on past experiences.

The INCB orginally accused Portugal of disrespecting the UN conventions on drug control but – after two missions to Portugal – they now recognise some of the benefits of Portuguese law. The 2009 World Drug Report noted that "Portugal's decriminalisation of drug usage in 2001 falls within the Convention parameter". The2009 Annual Report of the EMCDDA has also recognised that decriminalisation has not led to an increase in drug use or drug tourism in Portugal.

After the war on drugs; blueprint for regulation P2

This presentation explores what an evidence-based drug policy, based on public health and harm reduction principles, might look like if freed from the constraints of existing absolutist prohibitions on drug production, availability and use specified by the UN drug conventions. In a post-drug-war world how might legal regulation and control of drug markets function? What would the appropriate models be for different drugs? How could they be developed and implemented?

It will be argued that legal regulation of drug markets – finding the optimum point between the extreme poles of absolute prohibition and unregulated legal commercial activity – is the rational continuation of a broader harm reduction approach; one that considers the origins of drug harms in macro policy environments, specifically the punitive enforcement approaches.

The menu of possible regulatory options for drug markets will be reviewed in summary, including potential legal controls over products, outlets, vendors, availability, premises and using environments, and purchasers, to consider how to control availability in ways that deliver the best outcomes both for users and wider society.

It will be proposed that different drugs, depending on product risk assessments and local environments, could be made available either through medical prescription models, a specialist pharmacist model, various forms of licensed sales or licensed premises, or unlicensed sales. More risky drugs would be less available, less risky drugs relatively more available, thus in the longer term progressively shepherding patterns of use towards safer drugs, preparations, behaviours and environments, in direct contrast to the harm maximising impacts of illicit drug markets. Implementation would be phased over a number of years and supported by rigorous monitoring and evaluation.

This presentation aims to broaden the harm reduction debate by providing a foundation for discussing legal drug regulation as a practical option for the next generation of drug policy development.

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Confronting the contradictions between law enforcement and harm reduction: A 25-year ethnographic perspective on the war on drugs in the U.S. inner city

Drawing on 25 years of participant-observation data collection among drug users and street sellers in the United States this paper calls for public health to engage with law enforcement to reduce the harms to health and human rights caused by the US model of zero tolerance in the war on drugs. Fear of punitive repression - not inadequate access to health services - is the primary dynamic exacerbating risk-taking among street-based drug users in the US and many parts of the world. We need to go beyond traditional models of low-threshold health and social services (needle exchange, safe injection sites, mobile clinics, shelters and etc.) to develop strategies directed at law enforcement that curb the harms to the public's health caused by police violence on the street on the one hand and institutionalised repression in prisons and jails on the other.

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Addressing barriers to the implementation of scientific evidence into drug policy

Issue: Despite the wealth of evidence that law enforcement has been an ineffective tool for reducing drugrelated harms, the overwhelming policy response continues to focus energy on police and prisons.

Setting: Beyond its failure to curb drug availability and use, over-emphasis on law enforcement has also produced a range of unintended consequences, including the emergence of a massive international illegal market estimated to be worth as much as \$320 billion annually. Key arguments: These massive drug profits fuel crime, violence and corruption in countless urban communities and have destabilised entire countries such as Columbia, Mexico and Afghanistan. Although the failure of the war on drugs has become obvious to many, the reasons that it continues to be supported by governments are not well understood. In this context, it is important to recognise the role that non-scientific lobby groups play in maintaining the drug policy status quo. This includes the influence of the prison lobby's efforts in advocating for mandatory minimum sentences in the

US as well as highly active law enforcement lobby groups that ignore scientific evidence of the drug war's failure while fighting to prevent the implementation of alternative regulatory and public health approaches.

Outcomes: While researchers from across scientific disciplines have helped prove the ineffectiveness and harms of drug law enforcement, this research has been consistently attacked by lobby groups and other third-party organizations that seek to discredit those who question the effectiveness of drug prohibition.

Implications: Sadly, these efforts have been highly successful, and there are many examples of politicians moving to cut off research funding to scientists who wish to explore policy alternatives. These issues have contributed to an unwillingness among individual scientists to speak out. This plenary will describe the above issues and discuss the importance of scientists in promoting change.

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The myths and reality of hepatitis C in injecting drug users for hepatitis C

Injecting drug users (IDUs) carry a disproportionately large burden of hepatitis C infection (HCV) but they are far less likely than other HCV positive individuals to be treated for their infection. This is despite evidence that treatment outcomes for IDUs are similar to that of non-IDUs. We reviewed the literature on the treatment of HCV in IDUs and the treatment barriers including current drug use, heavy alcohol use and history of mental illness. We assessed if these purported barriers affected the likelihood of an IDU having a sustained virological response (SVR), the marker of successful treatment.

Many clinicians and many HCV trials make treatment conditional on IDUs having a period of abstinence from injecting or require concurrent participation in a drug treatment programme. However, there is no evidence in the literature to show that total abstinence or drug treatment increases the likelihood of a SVR.

IDUs are more likely to report a history of past or current heavy alcohol use and this is often used as a barrier to accessing treatment. This is despite our review finding no evidence that a history of heavy alcohol use prior to treatment means a person is less likely to obtain an SVR.

Similarly, despite IDUs having a higher level of psychiatric illness (including depression and schizophre-

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nia), the SVRs achieved by these patients were similar to other patients. The literature suggested that patients with a history of depression (regardless of IDU status) when treated with antidepressants during treatment achieved higher SVRs than those not on treatment.

Many of the current barriers IDUs face in accessing hepatitis C treatment are not evidence based. The challenge for IDUs, clinicians and the community is to ensure that treatment decisions are based on the best available evidence and treatment is tailored appropriately on a case-by-case basis.

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The need for mainstreaming evidence-based harm reduction

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Issue: In order to achieve universal access (UA) to HIV prevention, treatment and care, harm reduction is a priority issue. If we don't reach people who use drugs with evidence-based interventions we will not achieve UA.

Setting: Over the last decade we have achieved a lot in the area of harm reduction. WHO has contributed to the development of the evidence base for harm reduction as a public health approach. Tools and guidelines have been developed in collaboration with many stakeholders. International agencies and in particular NGOs and CSOs have all advocated for the implementation and scale up of harm reduction.

Key arguments: While good data on the availability and coverage of the various interventions are still scarce, we know that services are not available and do not reach all those in need. In many countries, services are provided by NGOs and CSOs on a small scale.

Outcomes: We have reached agreement at the global level on what needs to be done and how to measure progress. A comprehensive package of interventions and indicators has been defined, and targets have been set for countries to reach in order to have an impact on the HIV epidemic.

Implications: We have developed the tools and guidance and many have advocated for implementation of harm reduction interventions. Despite all these efforts, there are still barriers in place to scaling up programmes. In order to scale up interventions and have an impact, countries need to take responsibility and mainstream harm reduction into their public health response to HIV and drug use.

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Despite acceptance in national policies and widespread practice, the harm reduction approach is being overshadowed by emerging agendas and shifts in policy direction.

Crucially, the UK is now also facing the prospect of a change of Government in May 2010 – bringing increased political and financial uncertainties for harm reduction services. Domestic drug policy dialogue and reporting has become increasingly polarised, with an emerging 'recovery agenda' rhetoric being positioned against evidenced based harm reduction practices.

Manifestly, reducing drug harms and improving the health and well-being of drug users, their families and communities through effective treatment interventions is central to all effective recovery practices and systems

UKHRA is a campaigning coalition of people who use drugs, health and social care workers, criminal justice workers and academics that aims to put public health and human rights at the centre of drug treatment and service provision for people who use drugs.

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