

Law Enforcement, harm reduction and drug policy: a workshop

19th-20th May, 2023

Venue:

AGENDA

Objective: to explore and address the role of police and other law enforcement in relation to current drug policies.

Aims:

1. To highlight failings of current systems, including criminalization of and overincarceration for drug possession for personal use;
2. To consult the law enforcement community on their views on what shape reforms to drug regulatory systems should take, based on their experience;
3. To explore and advocate for harm reduction policing;
4. To finalise and endorse a call by police for drug policy reform, especially decriminalization and regulation of possession of drugs for personal use; and
5. To plan for greatest impact of the outputs of this Workshop

Outputs:

1. Statement/declaration/call by police for harm reduction policing and drug policy reform, including decriminalization and regulation of possession of drugs for personal use; and
2. Revised and relaunched LEAHN materials, including
 - a. Statement of support by police for harm reduction;
 - b. Amsterdam declaration on police partnerships for harm reduction
 - c. Guidance notes on safe injecting facilities, policing young drug users, and policing amphetamines.

DAY ONE: FRIDAY 19TH MAY

0830–0900

Welcome and introduction

0900–1030 **The Police Role in harm reduction and drug policy reform**

Michel Kazatchkine

Commissioner,
Global Commission on Drug Policy

Neil Woods

Board Member
Law Enforcement Action Partnership

Volodymyr Tymoshenko

Commissioner,
Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Commission on Drug Policy

Niklas Eklund

Tryggareruspölitik Sweden

1030–1100

Morning tea

1100-1230 **The Police Role in harm reduction and drug policy reform**

Jean-Luc Lemahieu

Director Policy Analysis and Public Affairs
UNODC

António Leitão da Silva

Superintendente
Comandante da Polícia Municipal do Porto

Mayor of Oporto

- to deliver a speech about drugs legislation and drug consumption facilities.

ACC Gary Ritchie

Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing
Police Scotland

1230–1330

Lunch

1330–1400

Harm Reduction in the Context of Criminalization: A Review of the Evidence
Speaker: Ben Scher, GLEPHA/University of Oxford

1400–1500

Panel discussion on decriminalization:

What does drug policy reform mean – to police and to the community?

Chair: Neil Woods, LEAP

Panel members:

Julia Ryland, LEAP and GLEPHA

Iga Jesziorska, Correlation/EHRC

Tuukka Tammi, PhD, Program Director, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

Matej Košir, UTRIP, Slovenia

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1500–1530

Afternoon tea

1530–1700 **Scottish Panel on drug policy and leadership**

Chair: Inga Heyman, GLEPHA/Edinburgh Napier University

Panel members:

ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland

Angela Constance, Minister for Drug Policy

Michael Crooks/Alison Crocket: drug policy in the Scottish government

James Docherty: lived and living experience

Diane Stockton/Tara Shivaji, Public Health Scotland

1700 **All panel members: Q&A and discussion**

1730 **Close**

DAY TWO: SATURDAY 20TH MAY

0900–1030 Plenary session

Spokesperson [TBC] - virtual
President, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Angela Constance
Minister for Drug Policy, Scotland

Peter Muysbondt
Police Commissioner, Antwerp

Iga Jeziorska
Correlation/European Harm Reduction Association

1030–1100 Morning tea

1100–1230 UNODC panel
Chair: **Zhannat Kosmukhamedova, PhD**
Introductory remarks: **Zhannat Kosmukhamedova, PhD**
Viet Nam (speaker TBC)
Sustainable partnership of Law Enforcement Agencies and Civil Society Organizations
Mr Alexei Grosu, Deputy chief of the public order national inspectorate, Republic of Moldova
Police diversion services based on the close partnership of CSOs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs
Speakers TBC: Importance of partnership between law enforcement agencies and CSOs as the human rights and evidence -based HIV response in Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan
Panel discussion

1230–1330 Lunch

1330-1500 Scottish panel on practice on drug policy: naloxone carriage
Chair: Inga Heyman, GLEPHA/Edinburgh Napier University
Panel members:
Ch Insp Anton Stephenson, Police Scotland
Supt Graham Binnie, Divisional pilot area

Prof Nadine Dougall, external evaluation team
Experience of officer-administered naloxone (virtual)

1500–1530

Afternoon tea

1530–1600

Environmental Dimensions of Drug Prohibition and Corruption

Neil Woods, Law Enforcement Action Partnership

Clemmie James, Health Poverty

1600-1700

Statement of Support by Police for Drug Policy Reform

Moderator: TBA

- Presentation of Statement
- Discussion
- Revision of Statement
- Endorsement of Statement

Impact and dissemination of meeting outputs

Moderator: TBA

- dissemination of Statement and advocacy materials
- Media/journalists session
- Commissions on Drug Policy
- ... CND etc?

1700

Close