Urban health policies and transnational advocacy movements: Intersections of extra-local drug policy networks and urban politics

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“Europe has a long and proud tradition of both harm reduction and drug user organizing. Drug user activists have contributed to this positive history as advocates, watchdogs and innovators. ..

EuroNPUD welcomes the introduction of such new harm reduction innovations, such as consumption rooms and heroin assisted treatment (HAT) in certain countries and commits to promoting these approaches across Europe in partnership with our harm reduction allies. EuroNPUD notes that Europe is also home to a range of drug policy initiatives whose results are creating great excitement and interest. EuroNPUD will make drug law reform advocacy and campaigning a particular focus of its work over the next two years”.

- Final Founding Statement for EuroNPUD 2011
Harm Reduction

“policies, programmes and practices that aim primarily to reduce the adverse health, social and economic consequences of the use of legal and illegal psychoactive drugs without necessarily reducing drug consumption”
Harm Reduction

• Public Health Practice
  • Needle Exchange
  • Low threshold drop-in
  • Drug consumption rooms

• Policy
  • Vancouver’s 4 Pillar Drug Strategy
  • Action Plan on Drugs and Addiction (Ntn’l drug strategy - Germany)

• Social Movement
  • Open Society Foundations
  • Harm Reduction International
  • International Network of People Who Use Drugs
Liverpool 1986
Injecting drug use

Globally, around 16 million people inject drugs and 3 million of them are living with HIV. On average, one out of every ten new HIV infections is caused by injecting drug use and in some countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia over 80 per cent of all HIV infections is related to drug use.

WHO strongly supports harm reduction as an evidence-based approach to HIV prevention, treatment and care for people who inject drug and defined a comprehensive package which includes:

- needle and syringe programmes
- drug dependence treatment - in particular opioid substitution therapy
- HIV testing and counselling
- HIV treatment and care
- Information, education and risk reduction counseling
- Condom distribution and STI management
- Management of TB and viral hepatitis.

WHO works closely with UNODC, UNAIDS and other stakeholders.
Vancouver to hand out clean, unused crack pipes

The Vancouver health authority prepares to launch a pilot project handing out clean, unused crack pipes to drug users.

Calgary, Alberta: Nearly three years of “free” crack pipes

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If this left-wing social engineering project is so great, why did they try to keep it quiet? You’d think from day one they’d be proudly and loudly singing its praises:
INPUD Campaign

THE WAR ON DRUGS DESTROYS LIVES
WE ARE NOT COLLATERAL DAMAGE WE ARE PEOPLE
DRUG POLICIES MUST BE CHANGED

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Drug User Rights RESPECT