

Living harm reduction: Lessons learned from 3 continents

Harm Reduction and Drug Policy Networking Zone
Global Village (Hall B, Space 803)
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Harm reduction interventions can be readily adapted to diverse national contexts for an effective response to HIV epidemics among people who use drugs. The **Community Action on Harm Reduction (CAHR)** project draws on experiences from Western Europe and Ukraine to support the development of harm reduction initiatives in India, China, Kenya, Indonesia and Malaysia.

This session will give an overview of this unique and ambitious project with presentations on the baseline research data on drug use patterns and services in the five project countries, the policy and legislative barriers faced, project challenges and recent achievements.

Speakers

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