

KNOW YOUR DRUG WAR

\$100,000,000,000 a year

1,000,000+ prisoners

300,000 preventable HIV infections

The Drug Policy Networking Zone is a space for sharing ideas, experiences and expertise on drug policy reform. It is a place to forge new links and develop strategic thinking on this issue. It is co-hosted by Transform Drug Policy Foundation and the International Drug Policy Consortium, supported by the Open Society Institute's Global Drug Policy Program.

THE GLOBAL WAR ON DRUGS...

- **Is hugely expensive**, costing over \$100 billion a year. That's \$200,000 a minute. Compared with just \$25 billion needed to meet universal access targets for HIV prevention, treatment and care in 2010.
- **Exacerbates the HIV epidemic**, by encouraging needle sharing and other unsafe behaviour. There are 300,000 preventable HIV transmissions amongst people who inject drugs each year. One every 2 minutes.
- **Is a human rights catastrophe**, 100s of millions criminalised, 10s of millions arrested each year; over 1 million imprisoned for non-violent drug offences, hundreds of thousands in 'forced treatment'.

In many countries, mass criminalisation of drug users and the climate of fear it creates are huge obstacles to effective public health responses to HIV and problematic drug use:

- Vulnerable groups should be the focus of a concerted public health response. Instead they are criminalised, stigmatised and marginalised.
- Access to harm reduction measures - such as needle exchange and opiate substitution treatment - are overly restricted or non-existent.
- Practical measures to reduce drug-related harms are abandoned for ideologically driven and counter-productive strategies to create 'drug-free societies'.

It is time for an open and honest debate about global drug control policy - one in which fear, prejudice and punitive enforcement yield to common sense, science, public health and human rights.

**VISIT THE DRUG POLICY NETWORKING ZONE
TO LEARN MORE AND HELP END THE WAR ON DRUGS**

The Drug Policy Networking Zone has joined forces with the Harm Reduction and Human Rights Networking Zones to produce a 'mega' zone with a full schedule of talks, discussions, debates and multimedia running throughout the week.

COME ALONG AND GET INVOLVED!

DRUG POLICY NETWORKING ZONE EVENTS PROGRAMME

For the full mega zone programme see www.tdpf.org.uk/IAS

Opening Reception Join us for the official opening	Sunday 18th July – 16.00-18.00
Drugs: Changing laws, challenging stigma (Release)	Monday 19th July – 9.45-10.45
Drug Law enforcement – Causing harm or reducing it? (Malaysian AIDS Council, International Drug Policy Consortium)	Monday 19th July – 18.15-19.15
Drug Policy and Law Reform Film Series	Tuesday 20th July – 13.00-13.30
What can the drug policy reform movement learn from HIV/AIDS activism? (AIDS Alliance, International Drug Policy Consortium)	Tuesday 20th July 16.00-16.45
Drug policy and law reform: progress and challenges for the future (Transform Drug Policy Foundation, International Drug Policy Consortium)	Wednesday 21st July – 12.00-13.00
Drug Policy and Law Reform Film Series	Wednesday 21st July – 13.15-14.15
Vienna Declaration (Transform Drug Policy Foundation, International AIDS Society, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy)	Wednesday 21st July – 14.15-15.15
How can you (or a doctor) take the hippocratic oath and support (or collude) with criminalisation of people who use drugs? (International Doctors for Healthy Drug Policies)	Thursday 22nd July – 8.30-9.00
Advocacy and campaigning in drug policy – international experiences (Intercambios, Release, International Drug Policy Consortium, Transform Drug Policy Foundation)	Thursday 22nd July – 9.15-10.15
Drug policy and law reform: progress and challenges for the future (Repeat) (Transform Drug Policy Foundation, International Drug Policy Consortium)	Thursday 22nd July – 16.30-17.30
Hepatitis C: a major policy challenge in Europe (Correlation Network)	Thursday 22nd July – 19.00-20.00

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