



International Network of People who Use Drugs

Members Update: January – February 2022

INPUD's bi-monthly members updates are intended to keep our members and supporters informed about INPUD's recent activities, as well as updates from national/regional networks and relevant news in drug policy.

Before getting into the updates, we would like to again express our solidarity and support for peers, colleagues and friends in Ukraine. The senseless act of aggression by the Putin regime has put countless lives at risk, and as always during times of war and conflict, people who use drugs tend to be among the most vulnerable. We have released a [Global Call for Solidarity](#) containing key demands from the community in Ukraine addressed to UN agencies, the Global Fund, international donors and all other stakeholders. Additionally, we encourage those who can donate to [the fundraiser being organised by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association](#). Слава Україні!

The following updates cover January through February 2022.

Global Advocacy and Events

Joint Submission on Violence and its Impact on the Right to Health for Women who Use Drugs

Responding to a call by the Special Rapporteur on the right to health (pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 42/16), INPUD joined with seven national community-led and community-based networks to submit a report on the impact of violence against women who use drugs on their right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health. The report details the causes and characteristics of gender-based violence against women who use drugs, analyses the national response and legal framework used by States to respond to violence and recommends courses of action based on best practices from the community.

Thank you to Asteria, Le Dispensaire, KeNPUD, Metzineres, Recovering Nepal Women, SANPUD and TaNPUD for your work with us on the submission.

Joint Submission by Key Population Networks to OHCHR: Human Rights and HIV

INPUD, GATE, NSWP and Mpac [have provided input to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\)](#) on the Human Rights Council Resolution 47/17, "Human rights in the context of HIV and AIDS," adopted on 13 July

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2021. As key population networks we have recommended the Human Rights Council consider a set of six recommendations to facilitate Member State alignment with the 10-10-10- societal enabler targets in the Global AIDS Strategy, put key population communities in the drivers seat and clearly communicate the importance of funding community-led and key population-led responses.

Joint Statement Urging Singapore to Halt the Impending Executions of Two People for Drug Offences

INPUD, HRI and IDPC wrote a [joint statement](#) urging the Singaporean Government to immediately halt the impending execution of Roslan bin Bakar and another person on death row for a drug offence, scheduled for Wednesday 16 February 2022. Mr bin Bakar was arrested in 2008 in connection to a drug transaction, and sentenced to the mandatory death penalty in 2010 for trafficking 96.07 grams of diamorphine and 76.37 grams of methamphetamine. The use of the death penalty for drug offences is a clear violation of international human rights as well as drug control standards, as reiterated by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Human Rights Council, the UN Office on

Publications

Addressing Epistemic Injustice in HIV research: a call for reporting guidelines on meaningful community engagement

Despite the recognised benefits of community engagement in HIV research, epistemic injustice persists in the field. INPUD Executive Director Judy Chang contributed, along with several other community experts, to a new [commentary in the Journal of the International AIDS Society](#) authored by Marija Pantelic which provides analysis & recommendations to address this problem. The commentary calls for the development of standardised guidelines for reporting on community involvement in research, requirements by research funders to collect details about meaningful community engagement prior to the submission of funding requests and proactive measures by researcher to describe their engagement with community organisations in a clear and transparent manner.

Fully Fund the Global Fund: Harm Reduction Brief

A fully funded Global Fund is crucial for harm reduction in low-and middle-income countries. [This joint briefing](#) by INPUD, HRI, EHRA and GFAN explains the crisis in harm

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reduction funding and details the pivotal role of the Global Fund in global harm reduction, especially in the context of donor transition and identifies the cost of inaction.

Information Note for PEPFAR COP22

PEPFAR is the second largest donor for harm reduction services. Yet, investment for people who inject drugs remains at only 1% from their total allocation for HIV prevention. Our COP22 Guidance includes a lot of emphasis on inclusion and participation of key population. However, with the lack of quality data of people who use drugs around the world, we will be easily forgotten. [INPUD has prepared some useful entry points in the COP22 process.](#)

Programmatic and Administrative Updates

INPUD Launches New Website

On 1 February INPUD launched our new and improved website, featuring a more modern design and improved functionality to make it easier to access all of INPUD's resources and materials. The address is still the same (www.inpud.net) and everything which could be found on the old website is still available.

We would like to thank Kenny Miller for his assistance in developing and designing the new website.

RCF Consortium of People who Use Drugs M&E Meeting

From 8 - 10 February, representatives of INPUD, AfricaNPUD, ENPUD, NAPUD and SANPUD met virtually for our annual meeting reviewing our 2021 work and accomplishments. It was incredible to see the results of a year's worth of hard work laid out for everyone to see, and though we wish it could be in person, the meeting was a huge success. We could not be prouder to be working alongside such incredible networks!

COVID-19 INPUD Wellbeing Access Fund Small Grants

Thanks to support from the Robert Carr Fund, INPUD is providing a new time-limited small grants program. The program will support wellness activities for individuals and groups through grants to regional, national, and local networks and organisation of people who use drugs. Applicants will be able to apply for small grants up to \$1500 (USD). [Read more details here.](#)

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Mental Health & Self-Care Database – Request for Proposals

INPUD is seeking a consultant or company to develop an online resource database to support mental health, wellbeing and self-care among peer workers and activists in drug user-led organisations and networks of people who use drugs. The project must be completed no later than 31 July 2022. More information can be found in the [RFP linked here](#). The deadline to apply is **28 March 2022**.

News and Other Updates

Introducing the Jude Byrne Emerging Female Leader Award

INPUD and INHSU are proud to honour the legacy of a legendary drug user advocate with the new [Jude Byrne Emerging Female Leader Award](#). The Award will be provided to two recipients who identify as female in recognition of their contributions to the community of people who use drugs. The Award includes a mentorship program that serves as a professional development opportunity tailored to each awardee. There will also be \$10,000 (USD) per awardee allocated to supporting participation in the program, and a full scholarship to attend the INHSU 2022 conference.

Additionally, INPUD is seeking experienced peers in our community to become a peer mentor for the first two successful candidates. Peer mentors who provide services will be paid for their time. [Learn more about applying to become a peer mentor here](#).

Announcing the Winners of the #MoreThan Video Contest

INPUD and Drugreporter are excited to announce the [five winners of our #MoreThan video contest](#)! The contest, which launched in September, is intended to be a continuation of the #MoreThan campaign launched on 2021 International Drug Users Remembrance Day, highlighting that people who use drugs are more than the sum of all labels attached to us by broader society. In total we received an incredible 22 submissions from 17 countries. It was not easy to select five winners among all of these fantastic videos, which highlighted some incredible human stories as told by members of the community. An independent board of five community activists were asked to rate the videos according to: eligibility, appropriateness, relevance, message and quality.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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Coming Up

65th Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

This year's CND will take place from [14-18 March](#) and will be a hybrid event split between virtual participation (which anyone may observe online) and in-person participation in Vienna. Due to restrictions in both travel and the number of civil society organisations permitted to attend in person this year, INPUD will only be engaging in CND virtually.

This year's INPUD side event is titled *Ending Inequalities for People who Use Drugs: How the Global HIV Response can Transform Drug Policy (and vice versa)* and will take place virtually over Zoom on Monday, 14 March at 12:15 CEST. We will be reviewing the critical advocacy work by peers surrounding the Global AIDS Strategy and 2021 Political Declaration, why the key targets in each document are important for governments in consideration of drug policy, and discuss specific interventions and policies Member States can take to integrate these targets into national drug policy strategies. The event is co-sponsored by Medecin du Monde, UNAIDS, UNODC HIV/AIDS Section, Netherlands and Australia.

[NOTE: this side event has already occurred since the drafting of this update. All can watch the side event on our [youtube channel by clicking here.](#)

Abstracts and Scholarships Open for INHSU 2022

The INHSU 2022 conference will be a hybrid event taking place in Glasgow and online from 19 – 21 October 2022. Abstract submissions are open now through Sunday 20 March, and INHSU is welcoming all submissions that focus on health issues among people who use drugs even beyond hepatitis C. [Instructions on how to submit an abstract can be found here.](#)

Additionally, scholarship applications to the conference are now open and also close on Sunday 20 March. You can find out more about eligibility criteria and [apply for a scholarship here.](#)

Early Bird registration for the conference will be open until 31 July. [Learn more about the conference and registration here.](#)

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