# CONSTELLATIONS

### AN ONLINE FESTIVAL ON DRUGS & HARM REDUCTION 16-24 NOV 21

# THE EVENT

For 31 years, we have brought you the Harm Reduction International Conference – the main global forum for the exchange of information at the intersection of human rights, public health and drug policy; a place for the international harm reduction community to gather.

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that we cannot safely gather in person for some time but our need to gather with our community is as strong as ever. And so, we bring you CONSTELLATIONS: An Online Festival on Drugs and Harm Reduction.

Through panels, interviews, town halls, poetry readings, art and music, we will bring a new way for our community to gather and connect, to explore innovative solutions, to have urgent conversations and to redefine what harm reduction is and what it can be.

The three key themes of CONSTELLATIONS will be SCIENCE, JUSTICE and PLEASURE. In addition to exploring innovative responses to HIV, hepatitis, overdose and OAT, key topics of CONSTELLATIONS will include racial justice, civil liberties, freedom and bodily autonomy, exploration of consciousness, and enjoyment.

### EVENT OBJECTIVES

#### Bring harm reduction to a new audience.

Through our Harm Reduction International Conference we have been expanding our audience to encompass a broader range of disciplines. We expect that CONSTELLATIONS will allow us to reach new audiences; both those whose work is tangentially related to harm reduction and the general public.

### Bring the harm reduction community together.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to work in greater isolation than ever. While there have been online conferences during this time, we hope that CONSTELLATIONS' unique mix of content will attract even those among us who have resisted online events before now.

### Make harm reduction about more than just harm.

While a focus on injecting drug use is always critical, CONSTELLATIONS will broaden out harm reduction to talk about people's pleasure, freedom, enjoyment, bodily autonomy, as well as a wider range of psychoactive substances.

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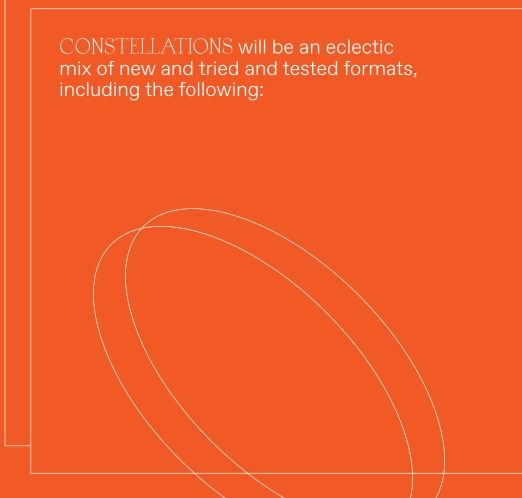
## EVENT FORMAT

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	Storytelling sessions
	Virtual Town Halls
•	Interviews
•	Roundtables
	'Solution Masters' problem-solvi workshops
	Art exhibitions on Instagram
	Poetry readings
•	Wellbeing programme
•	Scientific programme
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## SUPPORTING CONSTELLATIONS

We are seeking support to help bring this event to the largest global audience possible.

CONSTELLATIONS offers sponsors exposure to the international harm reduction community, as well as the opportunity to network with decision-makers from local governments, charities and NGOs around the world.

Sponsor packages are designed to give your brand maximum exposure before, during and after the festival. Sponsorship oportunities include:

- Prime branding and placement on all marketing materials and the official festival website
- 2. Prime branding and placement on the online platform and in the programme
  - Virtual exhibition stands

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- Opportunity to present your products as part of a technical workshop
- 5. Sponsored sessions
  - Toolkits and resources
  - Editorial features and coverage on the conference site and in DDN Magazine.

### HARM REDUCTION INTERNATIONAL

Harm Reduction International (HRI) is a leading charity dedicated to reducing the negative health, social and legal impacts of drug use and drug policy. The charity promotes the rights of people who use drugs and their communities through research and advocacy to help achieve a world where drug policies and laws contribute to healthier, safer societies.

Arranged to coincide with HRI's 25th anniversary, CONSTELLATIONS is an opportunity to celebrate HRI's activism and achievements in the field over a quarter of a century.

Drink and Drugs News (DDN) is the free magazine for everyone working with and interested in drugs, harm reduction and fair treatment. Printed each month and available online at <u>drinkanddrugsnews.com</u>. DDN is the official media partner for CONSTELLATIONS.

# ABOUT

#### HARM REDUCTION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

<u>The Harm Reduction International Conference</u> is the leading meeting place for the harm reduction sector.

Consistently attracting over 1,000 delegates from more than 80 countries, the conference brings together the leading figures on drug use, human rights, BBVs, drug policy, research and health from across the globe.

Delegates are senior government and UN officials, leading community activists and researchers, medical professionals and frontline service providers. The next edition of the conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia on 16-19 April 2023.

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