The Intersection of Harm Reduction + Faith-Based Organizing

In collaboration with Judson Memorial Church, National Harm Reduction Coalition launched a unique initiative to build bridges between the harm reduction and faith communities. Faith in Harm Reduction is the only program in the country dedicated to building capacity and mobilizing community at the intersection of harm reduction and faith-based organizing. Born from conversations with communities of faith, harm reduction organizations, and unions of people who use drugs throughout the United States, Faith in Harm Reduction fills a unique role as connector, community mobilizer, and capacity builder, fostering innovative-and previously untapped-cross-sector collaborations to expand and strengthen harm reduction in principle, practice, and policy.

Spiritual Community & Relationship Building

Faith in Harm Reduction also fosters opportunities for the co-creation of spiritual community and relationship building in partnership with people who use drugs and other harm reduction community leaders. Through the hosting of events and a growing national network of Faith in Harm Reduction leaders who provide peer to peer support, information sharing, and spiritual care for the harm reduction movement, Faith in Harm Reduction strengthens spiritual resources for harm reduction and intersectional healing and justice movements.

Harm Reduction & Liberation

Faith in Harm Reduction has established itself as a national thought leader in ecumenical and interfaith circles on the subject of harm reduction and liberation with people who use drugs. We have succeeded in elevating our intersectional issue areas into public dialogue, media, and convenings across sectors at the federal, regional, and local levels, as well as inclusion of Faith in Harm Reduction panels/presentations at the major drug policy and harm reduction conferences and summits.
WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

Community Driven
We are a national network of faith and harm reduction leaders that advance liberation, health, and wholeness for communities impacted by overdose, trauma, stigma of substance use, and racialized drug policy, in partnership with people who use drugs.

Expanding Support
We expand support for harm reduction messages, practices, and policies among faith and other community leaders through resource development, capacity building, events, and community mobilization.

Spiritual Practice
We grow spiritual community, co-create theological and liturgical language which speaks to lived experience, and build collective & integrative practices that transform the imprint of trauma and oppression on the being of people who use drugs.

Reshaping Narrative Through Faith
We reshape the moral narrative on substance use through education, messaging, and community building which centers the divinity and dignity of people who use drugs.

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