

STUDENTS, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS CONFERENCE 2020

Draft agenda



Liverpool Guild of Students, 160 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TR
Tuesday 19th May 2020

09:30-10:00	Registration opens <i>Reception</i>		
10:00-10:20	Welcome: Eva Crossan Jory, NUS VP Welfare and Liverpool Guild <i>Stanley Theatre</i>		
10:20-10:30	Key Note: Dr Zara Quigg, Public Health Institute, Liverpool John Moores University <i>Stanley Theatre</i> <p>Dr Zara Quigg is a Reader in Behavioural Epidemiology at the Public Health Institute (PHI), Liverpool John Moores University. She leads PHI's World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Violence Prevention, managing a local, national and international work programme to promote a public health approach to violence prevention. Zara also conducts original research on nightlife health and alcohol across the UK and Europe. She works with partner agencies to inform the development and evaluation of interventions to prevent harmful alcohol consumption and other harms, including across universities and nightlife settings (e.g. Drink Less Enjoy More; SARPA).</p>		
10:30-10:40	Key Note: Professor Fiona Measham, Chair in Criminology at the University of Liverpool. Co-founder and co-director of The Loop <i>Stanley Theatre</i> <p>Professor Fiona Measham was appointed Chair in Criminology at the University of Liverpool in 2019. Fiona has conducted research across three decades exploring changing trends in drugs, drug policy and the socio-cultural context to intoxication. Her scientific advisory committee membership includes ACMD 2008-18; the Ministerial Review of New Psychoactive Substances; Labour, Liberal Democrat and Conservative Party drug policy reform expert panels; and as permanent member of DrugScience, ACMD Technical and New Psychoactive Substances Standing Committees.</p> <p>Fiona is co-founder and co-director of the Loop (2013-) and the Loop Australia (2018-) non-profit harm reduction NGOs providing drug checking services.</p>		
	Workshop A <i>Harold Wilson Room</i>	Workshop B <i>Stanley Theatre</i>	Workshop C <i>Mandela Room</i>
10:45-11:45	Drink Rethink, a student alcohol IBA intervention. Casey Sharpe, Public Health England & Rachel Colley, Community Manager, University of West England	Tackling problem initiations and socials Professor Moira Laffety, University of Chester Despite previous efforts to ban initiations and/or educate students on the risks involved in problem	How to run successful and inclusive events. Dr Jussi Tolvi, Club Soda

	This session will explore what alcohol IBA is, its international evidence base and our plans for expanding the work nationally. You will hear about the Drink Rethink pilot work and how we have been testing alcohol IBA out on university campuses.	socials, students continue to engage in these behaviours. This workshop will introduce the CHANGES intervention portfolio and give an overview of work and results to date. We will also explore how a combined approach from all involved in student activity can influence change and improve institutions' policies and processes to facilitate the development of positive activities and eradicate health risk behaviours through education and empowerment of student sport and activity officers and staff.	With a rise in students choosing not to drink or reduce their drinking and the need to make campus life inclusive for all, this workshop explores how to run a successful alcohol-free or low alcohol event, giving you examples and tips to take back to your university/student union.
11:45-12:00	Break: refreshments provided <i>Gilmour Room</i>		
12:00 - 13:00	Workshop D <i>Harold Wilson Room</i>	Workshop E <i>Stanley Theatre</i>	Workshop F <i>Mandela Room</i>
	<p>International Students' perceptions and experiences of British Drinking Cultures. Dr Thomas Thurnell-Read, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Loughborough.</p> <p>In this session, we will look at the perceptions, attitudes and experiences of British drinking cultures held by international students and a look at how we can improve the inclusion and well-being of these students.</p>	<p>Understanding the university as a particular "risk environment" for alcohol and drug use? Professor Ross Coomber, Head of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, University of Liverpool</p> <p>In this session, we explore the ways in which the university as a structure and 'studenthood' itself can enable particular changes in levels of involvement in alcohol use and recreational drug use. We will also explore the ways in which the structural circumstances of the university environment can produce favourable conditions for 'turning points', where some university students transition into problem drinking behaviours and/or regular drug use.</p>	<p>Tackling the off-campus issues. Poppy Humphrey, Off Campus Student Affairs Officer for Manchester Student Homes</p> <p>This workshop explores how to engage effectively with the local community, including student safety off-campus and working with both local residents and external stakeholders to mitigate the negative consequences of student substance use.</p>
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch and networking break: Lunch provided by Liverpool Guild of Students Catering Food served in the Gilmour Room with seating in the Stanley Theatre		
14:15 - 14:35	Alcohol Impact Awards Presentation Eva Crossan Jory, NUS VP Welfare & Tracy Lumb, Senior Project Manager - Alcohol Impact <i>Stanley Theatre</i>		

14:35 - 15:15	Panel Discussion: Panel - Drug harm reduction: what does that mean to students' unions and universities? <i>Stanley Theatre</i> NUS VP Welfare Eva Crossan Jory is joined by Niamh Eastwood, Executive Director of Release, Professor Fiona Measham, Chair of Criminology, Liverpool University and co-founder of The Loop and Adnan Hussain, President at Liverpool Guild of Students, to discuss what taking a harm reduction approach to drug use in students means for students' unions and universities.		
15:15- 15:30	Break: refreshments provided <i>Gilmour Room</i>		
15:30 - 16:30	Workshop G <i>Harold Wilson</i> Substance use and student mental health - a conversation Speaker: TBC The links between substance use and mental health have been known for some time however we see a lack of consideration of the effects of alcohol and drugs when discussing student mental health links. This session explores the links and why we should be doing more.	Workshop H <i>Stanley Theatre</i> Winning the case on harm reduction Jess Winkler, Safeguarding Manager, University of West England and Alison Golden, Deputy Director, University of Bristol In this session, we look at how to pass a drug harm reduction proposal at your university/students' union. What challenges you might face and how you can overcome these.	Workshop I <i>Mandela Room</i> Drug harm reduction - what is possible within the law? Niamh Eastwood Executive Director of Release and Hanna Head, PhD Candidate at University of Birmingham. Some institutions are initially hesitant to take a harm reduction approach to student drug use because of a lack of understanding of what information and guidance can legally be provided. This session will look at the law and help you to understand what initial steps you can take in the move towards drug harm reduction
16:30	Event ends		

Please note: all sessions and times, except the start and finish time, are subject to change.