

NOT JUST A NUMBER: LIVED EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN IMPACTED BY THE DRUG WAR

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Background and objectives:

The session explores the disproportionate impact of the war on drugs on women and non-binary individuals who use drugs, emphasizing lived experiences and community resistance including those with Hepatitis C.

Objectives: Facilitate the exchange of experiences from the global south and north related to violence and resistance in harm reduction movements worldwide, focusing on the perspectives of women and those with Hepatitis C. Foster dialogue, share insights, and inspire collaborative action to address the intersectional challenges faced by women impacted by the war on drugs

Description of how the session will encourage debate and idea sharing:

Participants watch "Mães Livres" documentary by the Brazilian human rights NGO IDDD, showcasing mothers' experiences in prison and how they deal with some of its consequences Then, explore written testimonies, photos and short videos of women activists in harm reduction from Latin America and Europe with lived experiences in drug use, HIV and Hepatitis affected by punitive drug policies.

Methods and format for promoting dialogue and networking:

Participants reflect on presented stories and think about insights the stories bring to their own research, anonymously answering:

- What are the policy implications of my research?
- Violences faced as women who uses drugs?

Answers displayed on mural for conference engagement.

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