

Charting a new course: Drug Policy and Indigenous Communities

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Whare Tukutuku is the National Māori Addiction Centre that sits within the korowai of Te Rau Ora. The vision is to eliminate alcohol and other drug (AOD) harm for Māori and elevate an AOD workforce that is whānau-centred and community-focused, which will awahi whānau to improve equity of care. The International Indigenous Drug Policy Alliance (IIDPA) was established by Te Rau Ora, the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, the New Zealand Drug Foundation, and the Thunderbird Partnership Foundation of Canada to ensure the world's Indigenous Peoples have a voice on international topics associated with AOD.

The International Indigenous Drug Policy Alliance assert that for Indigenous peoples healing from addiction requires a holistic approach that is grounded in cultural interventions. Indigenous voices and leaders are often overlooked in drug policy, despite the disproportionate impact of AOD on Indigenous Peoples. This presentation recognises the gap and showcases the high need for the development of inclusive drug policies that genuinely incorporates Indigenous perspectives and wisdom.

We want more than just a discussion; our presentation is a call to action. It is an opportunity to redefine success in drug policy, with Indigenous People leading what good AOD care looks like for their communities across the world.

Background <Insert text here>

Description of Model of Care/Intervention: <Insert text here>

Effectiveness/Acceptability/Implementation: <Insert text here>

Conclusion and Next Steps: <Insert text here>

Implications for Practice or Policy: <Insert text here>