

Beyond the Tent

The Real-Time Value of Peer Experience in Drug Checking

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Inside the Space

Open-plan layout builds transparency and trust.

Group conversations emerge naturally and are preferred by service users.

The tone matches the festival vibe — relaxed, energetic, and inclusive.

Peers facilitate, not interrogate.

Integration with Crowd Care extends community trust into a government-led model.

Speaking Their Language

Use existing knowledge: people already understand "Narcan" and "fentanyl."

Build on that to explain naloxone and nitazenes.

Frame naloxone through mateship and community care, not fear.

Peers connect scientific risk with social belonging.

What We're Hearing in Real Time

Peers pick up language, myths, and mood before data does.

Most festival-goers aren't experimenting; they're verifying.

Pre-consumption testing fits perfectly alongside post-consumption services.

Peer insights refine messaging and improve service flow mid-event.

Trust Creates Momentum

Trust is both the outcome and the method.

Open, peer-run spaces increase engagement and openness.

Long-term partnership with CAOD made integration smooth.

Service users often want to get involved — volunteering, DanceWize, NUAA.



From Tent to System

Peer intelligence is real-time public health infrastructure.

Embedding lived experience strengthens future models.

Peers keep the service credible, adaptive, and relevant.

To understand what's in the drugs, we need lab tools.

To understand what's behind their use, we need peers.

