

PUTTING THE DISCRIMINATION BACK INTO STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION

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**HARM
REDUCTION
VICTORIA**

The Authentic Voice Of and For Victorian Drug Users
NOTHING ABOUT US - WITHOUT US!

Background

- Harm Reduction Victoria is a member-based organisation for people who use drugs in Victoria, with about 25 amazing team members and around 200 volunteers
- HRVic (formerly 'VIVAIDS') emerged from the grassroots HIV/AIDS advocacy movement in the 1980s (incorporated association in 1987).
- Key part of Victoria's Blood-Borne Virus, Harm Reduction / Drug Services and Lived/Living Experience Peer Workforce responses as a service provider, health promotion and peer education organisation
- Our position, history and composition means we occupy a contested and transgressive space, inherently
- Stigma and Discrimination work core
- My role and background



Some videos – Stigma Project

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Disclaimer:

These films do not depict actual health workers, and all actors are attempting to recreate the stories of stigma and discrimination experienced by community members.

The film series is centred around stories shared with Harm Reduction Victoria during interviews conducted for this project.

These films are intended for use in educational and advocacy contexts.

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