



Out of Harm's Way: Insight, Innovation and Action on the Toxic Drug Crisis

Agenda

3-3:15 p.m.

Coast Salish opening & acknowledgment of territories, Rachel Atleo, Songhees Nation. Coast Salish song, Shawn Bartleman, Tsartlip Nation

3:15-3:45 p.m.

- Opening words, Trevor Botkin, community social impact leader
- Opening words, Dr. Ashley Heaslip, Addictions Medicine, Island Health

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Services and interventions in the toxic drug crisis (10 minutes each)

- Wanda Tschritter and Paula Shortreed – Housing Overdose Prevention and Peer Services
- Marlene Stevens, First Nations Health Authority – Indigenous harm reduction approaches
- Brent Johnston – The Harbour Supervised Consumption Site
- Dr. Jill Wiwcharuk – Doctors for Safer Drug Policy
- Emily Clayton and Laura Cartwright – SAFER program at AVI
- Evan James from Umbrella Society – Connecting people to treatment and recovery

4:45 – 5 p.m. – Facilitated dialogue with panelists

5-5:15 p.m. BREAK with refreshments

5:15 – 5:55 p.m.

What's the Evidence? The measure of what we are – and aren't – doing to address the toxic drug crisis

- Karen Urbanoski, Canada Research Chair in Substances, Addictions and Health Services, University of Victoria
- Jen Bowles, University of BC research scientist in the Department of Medicine, BC Centre on Substance Use.
- Dr. Reka Gustafson, Island Health Chief Medical Health Officer
- Corey Ranger, RN, President of Harm Reduction Nurses Association

5:55 p.m.

- Spoken word poet Sarah Smith

6 p.m. – Event ends