

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

Agenda – March 26, 1-3:30 p.m., First Met Church sanctuary

1 p.m.

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

1:15 p.m.

Keynote: Sekani Dalketh - facilitator, story-teller and advocate

1:30 p.m.

Dialogue, Part 1: A conversation grounded in resilience, persistence and diversity as past and present substance users share their personal experiences of recovery and wellness and their insights into how BC's challenged and patchwork substance-use supports helped and hindered them on that journey. Harm reduction and recovery advocate Guy Felicella will lead this inspiring and truthful discussion.

2:25 p.m.

Poet and spoken word performer Sarah Smith

2:30-2:45 - BREAK

2:45 – 3:15

Dialogue, Part 2: How would you change things for people using substances if you had the power?

3:15-3:30

Keynote: Ann Livingston - activist, advocate and community organizer