

Support. Don't Punish is a global initiative advocating for harm reduction and drug policies that prioritize public health and human rights. The campaign seeks to place harm reduction on the political agenda as well as the rights of people who use drugs, strengthening the mobilising capacity of communities most affected and marginalised by the 'war on drugs', opening dialogue with policy makers and the wider community.

The social, cultural and economic crisis and the lack of investment in social policies, health, more specifically in the public policy sector for drugs; the scarcity of innovation and recent mentions of the criminalisation of consumers, puts the community of people who use drugs back in the unprotected position, experiencing multiple vulnerabilities aggravated since COVID19. Furthermore, prohibitionism is a political paradigm that has been gaining strength around the world and that marginalises, violates, incarcerates and oppresses people who use drugs. We refuse to backtrack on the rights of people who use drugs!

The "Support. Don't Punish takes place on June 26th (International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking). Historically, this date has been used by governments to showcase their "achievements" in coercively controlling communities of people who use drugs. The campaign's Global Day of Action seeks to give voice to the community and reclaim and change the narrative of this day. And so each year, a growing number of activists in hundreds of cities around the world join this unique and multifaceted demonstration against prohibitionism and multiple oppressions.

On this day, we carry out a "fight back" against the "war on drugs" contributing to change the course of history and highlight the community of people who use drugs as protagonists in the definition of more humane policies and services. As such, on June 26th 2023, from 18h we will occupy the Largo do Intendente to make visible our bodies, our voice and, above all, our rights.

On this day we claim more spaces for the politicization of people who use drugs, and more active participation in the design, implementation and evaluation of what concerns us: "nothing about us without us!"

We demand rights to women using drugs and their children;
Opioid Antagonist Treatments accordingly to the principle my treatment my choice;
Harm reduction paraphernalia for stimulant use;
HIV presentation in Eastern Europe Countries namely through universal needle exchange programs, aslo in prisons;
Safer spaces for women, trans women and non-binaries using drugs;
Investment in public health and community organizing instead of funding police and dissuasion;
Fostering space for peer-led initiatives among drug users organizations in decision making process