



NEW LEAF OUTREACH

Who are we?

“we provide peer-to-peer outreach and drug user advocacy while giving people who use drugs the opportunity and means to gain agency over their own lives”



What do we do?

Current Programs:

- ❖ Peer-Run Supervised Consumption Site
- ❖ Peer Outreach Program
 - Drug User Coalition
- ❖ Nanaimo Community Action Team (CAT)
 - ❖ Day of Action
- ❖ POWR-X Data Collection Project

Growing & Future Programs:

- ❖ Peer Hospital Liaison Program
- ❖ Expansion of Peer-run Supervised Consumption Services
- ❖ On-call supervised consumption services
- ❖ Home Detox Services
- ❖ Cannabis Program & Holistic Recovery

Peer Outreach

- ❖ Began February 2019

- ❖ **Street Outreach**

- ❖ Harm reduction & overdose prevention training
- ❖ 1 overdose reversed on shift



- ❖ **Needle Collection**

- ❖ Rig Dig Count: 1,140



- ❖ **Drug User Coalition**

- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Agency
- ❖ Organization

Day of Action



POWR-X Data Collection Project

- ❖ **Peer Overdose Witness Response Project**

- ❖ A project by Jeremy Kalicum, Kevin Donaghy and Sara Guzman

- ❖ Moving to Phase II with funding from Health Canada in coming months

- ❖ Data collected on **over 65 previously unreported overdoses** in less than 6 months



Pop-Up Supervised Consumption Site



Why do we do it?

- ❖ People in British Columbia are dying at unprecedented rates from fatal overdoses
- ❖ **Eleven Canadians** die needlessly of overdose every single day
- ❖ More than **10,300 lives** have been lost to overdose since 2016 across Canada
- ❖ **34 people** in Nanaimo died as a result of fatal overdose in 2018



Why are we here today?

- ❖ Declaration of Public Health Emergency (2016)
- ❖ The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (2017)
- ❖ We are experiencing continued displacement by:
 - ❖ The City of Nanaimo
 - ❖ Nanaimo RCMP
 - ❖ School District 68
- ❖ Barriers to providing services (weather)
- ❖ Increasing population in summer months
- ❖ We just want to stop people from dying – **please let us.**



How you can help.

While we protect the people who use drugs in Nanaimo,
we need the community of Nanaimo to protect us.



Thank you!

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