

Peer Education:

Peer education can come in three specific forms

Organic or spontaneous:

the education between people as they are having a shot and someone notices another person using in a way that has the potential to transmit BBV and then and there they point out the activity to the person

Semi structured peer education:

is more thought out or planned sharing of information skills and knowledge between peers.

Formal Peer education:

developed by drug user organisations and delivered by peers

What is a peer?

All illicit drug users are peers

However, all illicit drug users are not treated the same

People who inject are not treated the same as people who smoke or snort

the dance scene is very different to the street scene

injecting users face a much higher level of harm and discrimination than non injectors

when it comes down to being a peer these differences are very important



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Harm Reduction:

The Three Pillars of Harm Minimisation:



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- Detox Clinics
- Residential Settings
- Pharmacotherapies (Methadone, Suboxone)
- Early interventions
- Education & Training



Supply Reduction

- Customs
- Law Enforcement
- Legislation
- Regulation
- Liquor Licensing



Harm Reduction

- Peer Education
- Overdose Prevention
- NSEP's & NSP's
- Emergency Responses

The Achievements of Harm Reduction:

Harm Reduction benefits the whole community, as well as respecting people's choices and enhancing our ability to have more control over our health.

Between 2000 and 2009, the Australian Government spent \$243 million on Needle and Syringe Programs. this prevented an estimated 32,000 HIV and 97,000 hep C infections. which saved \$1.2 billion in direct healthcare costs. If patient costs and productivity gains/losses are included, the community saved \$5.8 billion

HIV prevalence among people who use drugs

1%
australia

12%
china

16%
usa

37%
russia



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For every \$1 spent
On NSPs, the wider
Community
saves \$27