



## THE DDN CONFERENCE 2023 'Many Roads'

**9.00–10.00am registration and refreshments, Foyer**

**10.00–11.30am Session one, Conference Hall**

**Welcome to the DDN Conference!** Claire Brown, DDN editor

### **CHALLENGING STIGMA**

**The Anti Stigma Network**, introduced by **Karen Biggs**, CEO of Phoenix Futures

This growing and diverse network aims to understand and challenge the stigma directed towards people who use drugs and alcohol, people experiencing addiction, and their families. We invite you to get involved in the network, bringing your experience to help us confront and challenge this discrimination.

**Women and stigma**, with **April Wareham** of **Working with Everyone** and **Hannah Shead**, CEO of **Trevi**. Looking at the specific challenges faced by women who use drugs and the need for more specialist support.

**The stigma inside**

**Callie Davidson** of the **Safe Ground** project talks about how they are working with serving prisoners to challenge this stigma and thrive.

**11.20–11.40pm Tea, coffee and refreshments  
Exhibition Hall**

**11.40–1.00pm Session two, Conference Hall**

### **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

**Peer power – a story of co-production**

**Cranstoun's** team share their dynamic harm reduction initiatives. **Alistair Bryant** describes the **PACKs** peer team's naloxone distribution and **Luke O'Neil** explains how they used innovative tech to create **BuddyUp**.

**From policy to practice**

**Laura Pechey** from **the government's Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)** and **Lanre Babalola**, CEO of **BUBIC** discuss their shared determination to embed lived experience in the treatment system.

**Community outreach**

**Marcus Johnson**, **Christine Jenkins**, and **Karolina Sowinska** from **SUIT** share innovative ways they're

engaging with the wider community, including challenging specific issues around stigma faced by people in Asian and East European communities.

**1.00–2.00pm Delicious LUNCH, networking, and a chance to enjoy everything going on in the Exhibition Hall**

**2.15–3.45pm Session three (with tea/coffee available), Conference Hall**

**THE BIG CONVERSATION**

Make sure you are part of this vital interactive session – your chance to contribute to the debate, let people know what's working, what needs to be done and your ideas for how it should happen.

Come and share your innovative work, thoughts and ideas with your peers!

We'll be looking at a series of topics in turn:

**Experiences of treatment**

How do you challenge 'one size fits all' treatment?

What do you do if you're not happy with the treatment you're offered?

**Peers save lives!**

What are you doing in your area?

Which peer-led initiatives are really working?

**Let's talk about stigma**

Has stigma ever stopped you from moving forward?

How have you tackled these barriers?

How can we all help to shape, inform and influence work to tackle stigma?

**Me, myself, I... where do we go from here?**

How can we organise, mobilise and influence – beyond today's event?

You'll have chance to speak out if you want to, discuss the topics in roundtable groups, and write down thoughts, suggestions and feedback. This promises to be a lively, collaborative and enjoyable session, which will be central to our write-up in DDN and vital to taking your key issues forward. All welcome – come and join in!

**3.45pm – Closing remarks**

**Conference close** – and you are warmly invited to enjoy **free entry to the National Motorcycle Museum**

We would like to **thank** all the **amazing peers and volunteers** who have fed into the programme consultation and are helping to stage and run the conference. We couldn't do it without you.