

## 2022-06 ILLEGAL DRUG USE HARM REDUCTION

Whereas #1 people are dying from drug overdoses at unprecedented rates in large part because the illicit drug supply is toxic and unpredictable; and

Whereas #2 drug use is widely seen as a criminal justice issue instead of a health issue; and

Whereas #3 Isolation, physical distancing, and other COVID 19 measures are contributing to an increase in drug use; therefore, be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that harm from drug use be reduced addressed by:

- a) viewing drug use as a health issue
- b) ensuring a safe supply of drugs
- c) increasing the number of supervised consumption sites
- d) promoting a peer support program
- e) expanding the use of the overdose prevention app.
- f) Sustainably fund drug prevention and treatment programs

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to institute and promote the following to reduce the harm caused by psychedelic drug use:

- a) change policy frameworks so that they view problematic drug use as a health issue rather than a criminal justice issue
- b) ensure a safe supply by decriminalizing and regulating ~~Illegal-drugs~~ so that drug users are not obtaining them through the illicit drug market
- c) increase the number of supervised consumption sites
- d) provide peer support programs which allow for information sharing and assisted or supervised injection
- e) promote expanded use of the overdose prevention app to help make it safer for those that use drugs alone.
- f) Sustainably fund drug prevention and treatment programs

Resolved #3 That the NCWC urge their Provincial Councils advocate with their respective Provincial or Territorial Governments on this issue