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Corona-prevention tips for people who use drugs

In response to the Corona crisis, our friends at INPUJ created an excellent resource page to reduce the harm to people who use drugs from contracting the COVID-19 virus. You can find the page [here](#) and a flyer about COVID-19 [here](#).

In the meantime, Drug Reporter is uploading resources for people who work in the harm reduction field. Please visit their [website](#) to find the most updated guidance.

Stay safe and healthy!
The Mainline team



Young, wild and...free?

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted the Bridging the Gaps Alliance additional funding to increase its reach among key young populations. The project was named **Young, Wild and...Free?** The question mark signifies the challenges many young people – 15 to 24 years old – face when they engage in sex work, use drugs or identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

We organised a training in Amsterdam on community research to enable a group of young, bright people to set up their own, local studies. The next step is the implementation of the needs assessment. Read the article [here](#).

[Read more](#)



Reaching the 90-90-90 target in Mombasa, Kenya

Major compliments to our partner MEWA in Mombasa, Kenya. Of the people who utilise their services:

- 98% were tested for HIV
- 97% of those who tested positive for HIV are now receiving treatment
- 90% of those in treatment have a suppressed viral load

Congratulations MEWA!

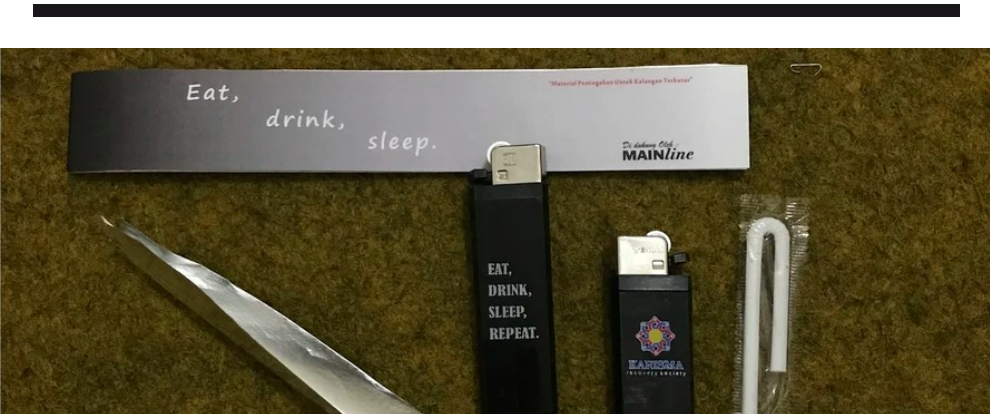


Mainline visits South Africa

In March, four Mainliners visited South Africa. We combined several exciting and important activities: two trainings, an assessment among peer workers and a special video project. However, first and foremost, we were happy to see our partners [TB HIV Care](#) in Cape Town and [Foundation for Professional Development](#) in Pretoria.

Read the story [here](#).

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Building new harm reduction responses in Jakarta, Indonesia

Mainline is very proud to announce that our three colleagues who worked on the [Speed Limits report about stimulant harm reduction](#) have now published an [academic paper](#).

The paper analyses the newly implemented outreach programme assisting methamphetamine users in Jakarta, Indonesia. It addresses the programme's critical learning points when making the transition to respond to stimulant use.



The first Poppi pop-up: coming soon!

Close to a year has passed since Mainline formally launched its initiative [Poppi: Drugs Museum Amsterdam](#). Since then, we have worked really hard to build the foundations of our organisation. Now, we are very excited and proud to announce...our very first Poppi pop-up.

Assuming we have left the COVID-19 crisis behind when summer arrives, we will open an interactive photo project between 26 June and 26 July 2020. This expo will take you on a journey across time and space. It will connect the old school Amsterdam scene to the recent trends in drugs and youth culture. The name of the expo: Dutch Drugs Stories.

And this is not all. In parallel to the expo, Poppi plans to launch a 'smart tour'. And we are already planning for our second pop-up: screening 360 documentaries via virtual reality. Curious? Stay posted via Poppi's [website](#) and social media channels. And for those who supported us during our crowdfunding campaign last year: don't worry - your reward is coming soon. We will be in touch!

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'We have put harm reduction for meth users on the map'

Mainline has worked in Indonesia for more than 10 years. Since 2016, this work has fallen under the Bridging the Gaps II programme. This programme will end in 2020.

Nick Veldwijk, regional manager for Mainlines work in Asia, reflects on the work that has been done with Mainline's partners in Indonesia.

Read the full story [here](#).

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