

Addiction Awareness Week 2021: *Driving Change Together*

Monday November 22nd to Friday November 26th

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of issues relevant to substance use with a focus on working together to facilitate change. Everyone interested in learning about the impact of substance use on individuals, families and the community is welcome to attend. All presentations will be hosted over Zoom (link below).

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS:

Monday Nov. 22nd

- 11:30 AM-12:00 PM - **Krystal Lezard** (Syilx/ Okanagan Nation) - Opening Acknowledgements and Territory Welcoming.
- 12:15-1:30 PM - **Carrie Lee** (MHSU Clinician) - Core Skills for Supporting People with Problematic Substance Use. Q&A to follow.

Tuesday Nov. 23rd

- 12:00-1:00 PM - **Dan Duncan** (ADHD Coach/Consultant & Academic Strategist) - ADHD and Substance Use: Connections, Research, and Treatment Options.
- 1:30-2:30 PM – **Moms Stop the Harm** – Stronger Together presentation.

Wednesday Nov. 24th

- 12:00-1:00 PM - **Giles Ringer** (Crisis Intervention Specialist) – Introducing the Provincial Overdose Mobile Response Team, followed by a discussion about coping skills & building resiliency.
- 1:30-2:30 PM – **Fireside Chat with Peers** – Panel discussion by Lived Experience Educators on substance use stigma and how to be a good ally. Q&A to follow.

Thursday Nov. 25th

- 12:00-1:00 PM - **Amanda Lavigne** (Clinical Nurse Specialist – MHSU Network) - Managed Alcohol Programs During the 4th wave of COVID-19: Practice Updates and Emerging Research.

Friday Nov. 26th

- 12:00-1:00 PM - **Keynote Speaker: Guy Fillicella** (BC Centre for Substance Use Peer Advocate) - Compassion and Human Connection Can Change the Direction of People's Lives.



“Guy spent years in the grips of addiction and now dedicates his career and personal passion to advocating for harm reduction and removing the stigma against addiction and people who use substances. In addition to his career with the BC Centre for Substance Use, Guy commits his time to public speaking at conferences, seminars, summits, in schools, on podcasts and documentaries, and through written articles. He educates the public and students on safer supply of drugs, decriminalization, harm reduction, and treatment options. Guy is pushing barriers to address the current overdose crisis and addressing the truth behind the toxic drug supply.”

Use this Zoom link to access all presentations at the times listed above:

<https://interiorhealth.zoom.us/j/66885129062?pwd=WW9nZTRhS2g5alliWUxjeGRyZW10QT09>

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