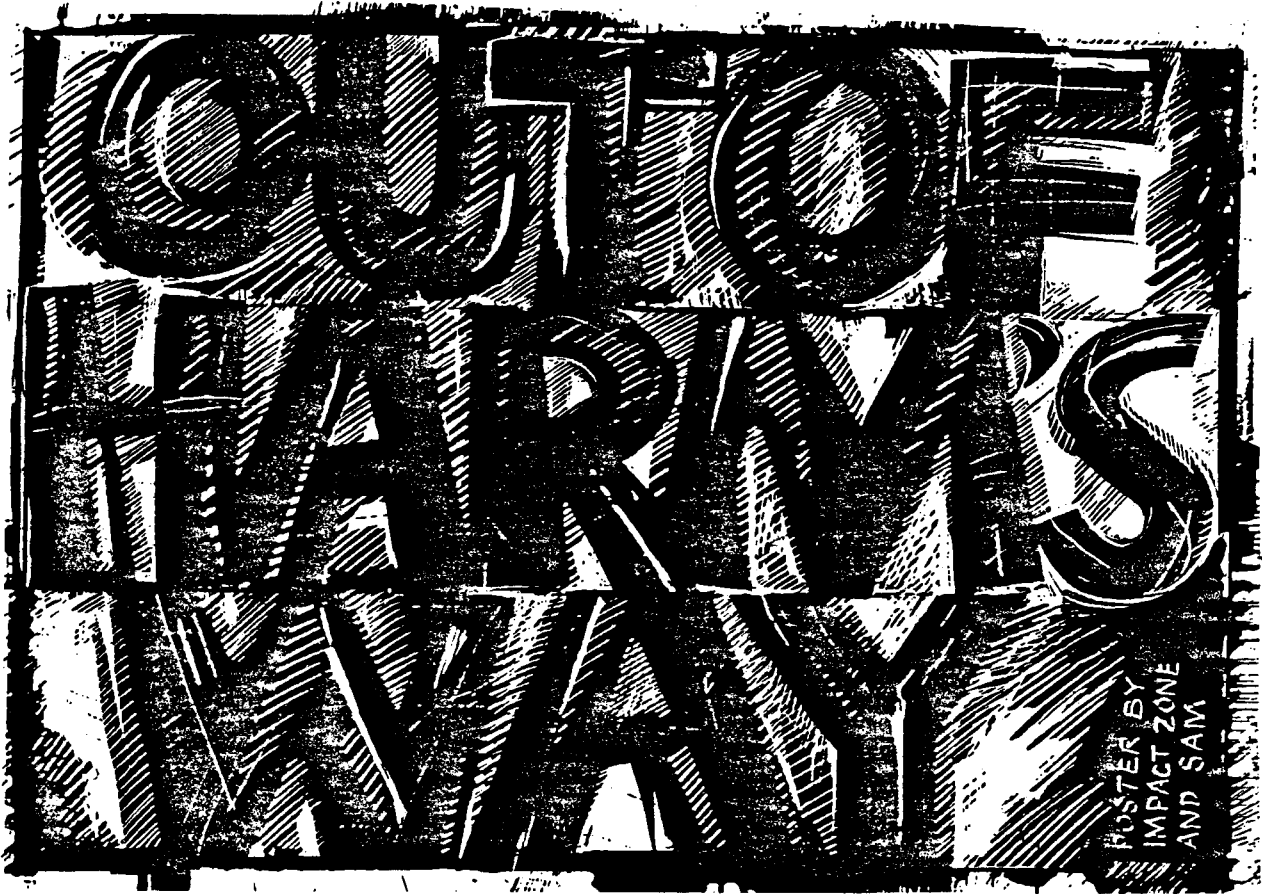




**CARNEGIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS**



**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOLUTIONS TO DRUGS, CRIME AND ADDICTION IN THE INNER CITY**

**WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT HELP US ALL.**

**WELCOME TO THE SYMPOSIUM**



# DAY PROGRAM

Hosted by Daniel Richler

There will be a short question period after each speaker and a one hour session with all the speakers on the stage together at the end of the day. A video tape of the forum will be available to individuals and groups after the forum for on-going education and discussion, in order to develop consensus around a community-based solution. If you are interested in planning or attending a follow-up discussion group or if you would like copies of the available reference material, please leave your name with the info table.

8:30am WELCOME - Muggs Siegurson of the Carnegie Community Association

8:30 - 9:15am BREAKFAST - music provided by Sybil Thrasher

9:15 - 10:35am FIRST SESSION

Ethan Nadelmann

Common sense drug policy

Arnold Trebach

The addiction crisis - searching for solutions that embrace community.

Diane Riley

On Harm Reduction policy.

10:30 - 10:45am COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 12:45pm SECOND SESSION

Hannes Herrmann

The state of drug and addiction policy in Basle, Switzerland— includes an update of the heroin maintenance program and sake fixing rooms.

Werner Schneider

The Frankfurt Experience: a city's response to its drugs, crime and addiction crisis.

Steffen Lux

An open drug scene - the perspective of a metropolitan police force.

12:45 - 1:45pm LUNCH

1:45 - 3:30pm THIRD SESSION

Andrew Bennett

Reducing drug related harm on Merseyside - a review of the last decade and key issues for the future

Bruce Alexander

Beating the Devil: Steps towards a realistic cocaine policy

Harl Haas

Prosecutor and Judge on the American drug court experience

Eugene Oscapella

On the Canadian Foundation for drug policy.

3:40-4:00pm COFFEE BREAK

4:00 -5:00pm TOWN HALL FORUM: HOSTED BY IAN MULGREW -all speakers will be available on the stage for one hour of audience participation



# IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

## **ETHAN NADELMANN**

Is America's foremost spokesperson for a more rational approach to the costly war on drugs. He holds a PhD in Political Science from Harvard University. He is the Founder and Director of the Lindesmith Centre in New York and the author of numerous books and papers including; *Cops across Borders: The Internationalization of US Criminal Law Enforcement* and his forthcoming book *Criminalization and Crime Control in International Society*.

## **ARNOLD TREBACH**

Is a Lawyer and Professor of Law at the American University in Boston. He has authored the book *The Heroin Solution* and was the founder of the Drug Policy Foundation in the United States.

## **DIANE RILEY**

Holds a PhD in Psychology, and is the Director of the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse. She is one of four editors of the definitive Canadian book *Harm Reduction*.

## **HANNES HERRMANN**

Is from Basle Switzerland where he works for the Ministry of Justice as the Drug Policy Co-ordinator for the City. There he is responsible for the establishment and direction of the "four pillars" of drug policy, which include heroin maintenance.

## **WERNER SCHNEIDER**

Is the Drug Policy Co-ordinator for the City of Frankfurt Germany. Seven years ago he successfully lobbied the City Government to create a local department of drug policy. He was appointed the director and has introduced such innovative programs as safe injection rooms which have now successfully existed now for four years.

## **STEFFEN LUX**

Is the Chief of the Drug Squad and Organized Crime for the Frankfurt Police in Germany. He has been with the police force since 1976. He is here to share the experiences of the Frankfurt police in the context of an open drug scene.

## **ANDREW BENNETT**

Is the Director of HIT in Merseyside, Liverpool in England. HIT was formerly called the Mersey Drug Training And Information Centre and was established in 1985. It provides information, consultation and training services on drugs and related areas. The organization and the Merseyside model have gained an international reputation for developing, advocating and implementing strategies that reduce harm to drug users and the community.

## **BRUCE ALEXANDER**

Is a Professor of Psychology at Simon Fraser University and a fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association. He is the author of numerous books and articles including *Peaceful Measures - Canada's Way Out of the War on Drugs*. He was the World Health Organization's chief investigator in Vancouver for its study on patterns of cocaine use. He was also the chief investigator on the world famous "rat park" studies.

## **JUDGE HARL HAAS**

Is the Circuit Court Judge for the State of Oregon in Multnomah County and the founder of the STOP program (sanctions - treatment - opportunity - progress). He was a district attorney in Multnomah county from 1973-1981.

## **EUGENE OSCAPPELLA**

Lawyer and Founder of the Canadian Foundation for drug policy. Author of the book entitled *Chemical McCarthyism*.

# a song of hope

bud osborn  
november 20 . 1998

my old drug buddy mike sellin bus transfers dodgin transit cops  
shootin coke his daughter in foster care waitin for his next  
visit but mike's dead from aids

lance stripped naked in public to go to jail and get off the  
street believed his addiction misery endless pressed his  
father's shotgun to his head and pulled the trigger

mitch always extended friendly first nations hand slept in cold  
rain his skin stretchin tight like a skeleton his liver  
swollen died of aids from dirty illegal injections

wolfgang fellow activist spoke powerfully on behalf of mentally  
and socially oppressed died an overdose death

keith senior citizen worked the docks union man became a junkie  
ran a shooting gallery and wanted one decent room before he  
died didn't get it gone from aids

evelyn tellin of 15 year old daughter fixin turnin tricks beaten  
up skinny as a broken stick crashed in alleys askin why her  
daughter's life should be destroyed overnight because of  
adolescent spree in downtown eastside

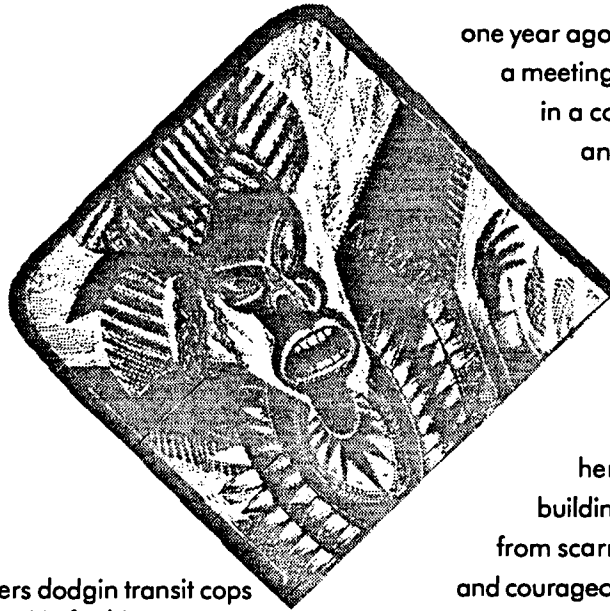
patricia my mother befriendin underclass crack addicts in her  
60s arrested for possession locked in a cold jail cell sick  
with cancer and humiliation

my son aeron busted again and again for marijuana in america  
busted recently in new jersey days in jail warrants outstanding  
his life hung up in prohibition sentencing

a judge told me i was of no use to society a psychologist told  
me i was hopelessly ruined from dope and a doctor asked me  
after an overdose why i was still alive because it offended him i  
hadn't died

norma tom's mother in suburban desolation with fullblown hidden  
prescription addiction like a million like 2 million north  
american women died of an overdose in her 40s

and robbie runnin out of life in and out of prison stealin for  
heroin his aunt who raised him wailin to me in her anguish  
"why don't they just give them the drugs?"



one year ago  
a meeting was held  
in a corner of this park  
and from that meeting  
a drug users organization  
got its start  
a place to speak our grief  
our cruel blues  
our suffered truth  
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in a meeting room now a block from  
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building a song  
from scarred flesh  
and courageous souls  
from overdoses

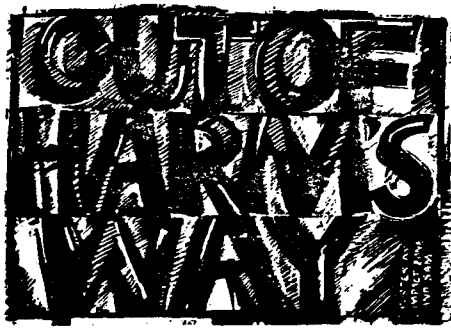
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choke holds and hep c  
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from the hearts of the last and the least and multiple abused  
a song of hope

YOU CAN CRIMINALIZE OUR PAIN  
PULVERIZE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEHUMANIZE US WITH CHARITY  
BUT  
WE ARE SOMEBODY

YOU CAN TERRORIZE WITH HATE  
DEMONIZE WITH LIES  
LOCK US UP  
TEAR US DOWN  
YOU CAN DRIVE US OUT OF TOWN  
BUT  
WE ARE SOMEBODY

AND YOU CAN'T BE WHO YOU OUGHTA BE  
IF WE AREN'T WHO WE OUGHTA BE  
NOBODY CAN BE ANYBODY  
ALL BY THEMSELVES

SO WHETHER YOU DENY IT  
OR WHETHER YOU EMBRACE IT  
WE ARE EACH OTHERS' ONLY BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
WE ARE EACH OTHERS' ONLY CHANCE  
FOR A LIFE IN COMMON AND REAL BEAUTY  
WE ARE ALL EACH OTHER HAS  
WE ARE ALL  
SOME-BODY



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