

# THE DRUG HUB

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Drug Hub is inviting people with living/lived expertise of drug use, students, frontline harm reduction workers and people passionate about harm reduction to submit short written posts, as well as photo-voice, poetry, and other creative submissions. Each submission will go through an editing process with our editorial committee, composed of people who use(d) drugs, students, and healthcare providers. Before you draft your submission, please send us a pitch (approximately 2 to 5 sentences) to [uphns.blog@gmail.com](mailto:uphns.blog@gmail.com). We will get back to you in 5-10 business days.

## Submission Guidelines

We are currently accepting written pieces in an Opinion Editorial style. Please keep written submissions at approximately 1000 words and include your references as hyperlinks throughout the text. We encourage contributors to treat these submissions as academic journalism, however, we are also accepting more personal pieces, photo-voice, poetry, zines, and any other creative submissions. If this criteria doesn't fit your creative idea please connect with us at [uphns.blog@gmail.com](mailto:uphns.blog@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!

In your full submission, please include a brief biography (50 words) and a photo of yourself, along with any social media handles that you would like used for publication on our Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts. Also, if you would like to submit a piece with a pseudonym for privacy reasons that's okay as well, just try to think of something that authentically represents you.

## Compensation

As a not-for-profit media outlet, we believe in fair compensation for the expertise of those with lived experiences of drug use. We offer \$300 per accepted and published submission. Although we thank everyone for their submissions, only pieces approved and published by the Drug Hub Editorial Committee will be compensated. We accept submissions from two or more authors. Written pieces will be paid per piece, not per author. Compensation will be paid out via e-transfer upon completion and publication of the written piece. This considers the editorial, review, and finalization timeline of the Drug Hub Committee. If this method of payment does not work for you, please reach out to our email at [uphns.blog@gmail.com](mailto:uphns.blog@gmail.com).

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Below are some suggestions for topics. Contributors are not limited to these ideas and are encouraged to share what feels right for them.

## Harm Reduction

- How has harm reduction impacted you or your community personally?
- Is there a Harm Reduction Hero in your community that you would like to highlight?
- Harm reduction and specific communities: youth, rural/suburban populations, women, unhoused people, LGBTQ, racialized people, disabled people, etc.,
- Harm reduction and setting: safe consumption sites, shelters, hospitals, transitional housing
- Harm reduction technologies such as, drug-checking, overdose prevention apps, and overdose prevention lines

## Substance Use

- Trends in the illegal drug supply in your community
- Mainstream integration of drugs (ketamine therapy, psychedelics, mdma)
- Write a piece about your substance use experience
- Your experience using substances while living or working with people with concurrent illnesses (mental health, sexually transmitted diseases, bloodborne diseases)

## Drug Policy

- What is the status of decriminalization in your region? Is your provincial or municipal government supportive?
- What does drug user-led drug policy look like to you?
- How has accessing safe supply been working for you? If you haven't been able to access safe supply, tell us about it!
- Involuntary treatment experiences

## Disclaimers

Although we welcome all types of submissions, we will reject any submissions that are racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist, and submissions that contain any other kind of hate speech and discriminatory language.

The Drug Hub uses Google services such as Gmail, Google Drive, and Google Docs to communicate, edit, translate, and publish. All accepted submissions will be uploaded onto our Google Drive and edited online by The Drug Hub Editorial Team. If you would prefer for us to find another platform to communicate and edit, please let us know in your first email, and we will find a solution

