

A-klinikkasäätiö Harm Reduction Webinar

Why do we need harm reduction? What can we achieve by harm reduction?



THE HOSPITAL

- A Totalitarian Body
- Is Architecture works more as an obstacle than a organism open to the city
- Closed System with is own dynamic, organic culture, rules and protocols, hierarchy...
- Monolithic structure that does not move



AN HR MOBIL UNITY

- A Flexible Body
- Its conceived to move around, to outreach hidden populations
- Open System designed to deliver Health and Social responses (services) into the spot
- Flexible structure that moves from a point to another and that allows to bridges the gap between the classical health structures and the people

The Political Dimension



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Participation

Participation – HR applies for the inclusion/participation of the communities in the all process of delivering services, producing research and raising a political voice

Democratic Governance

HR structures tend to an horizontal way of governance, where an effective dialogue between the different stakeholders is key for the efficiency of the work

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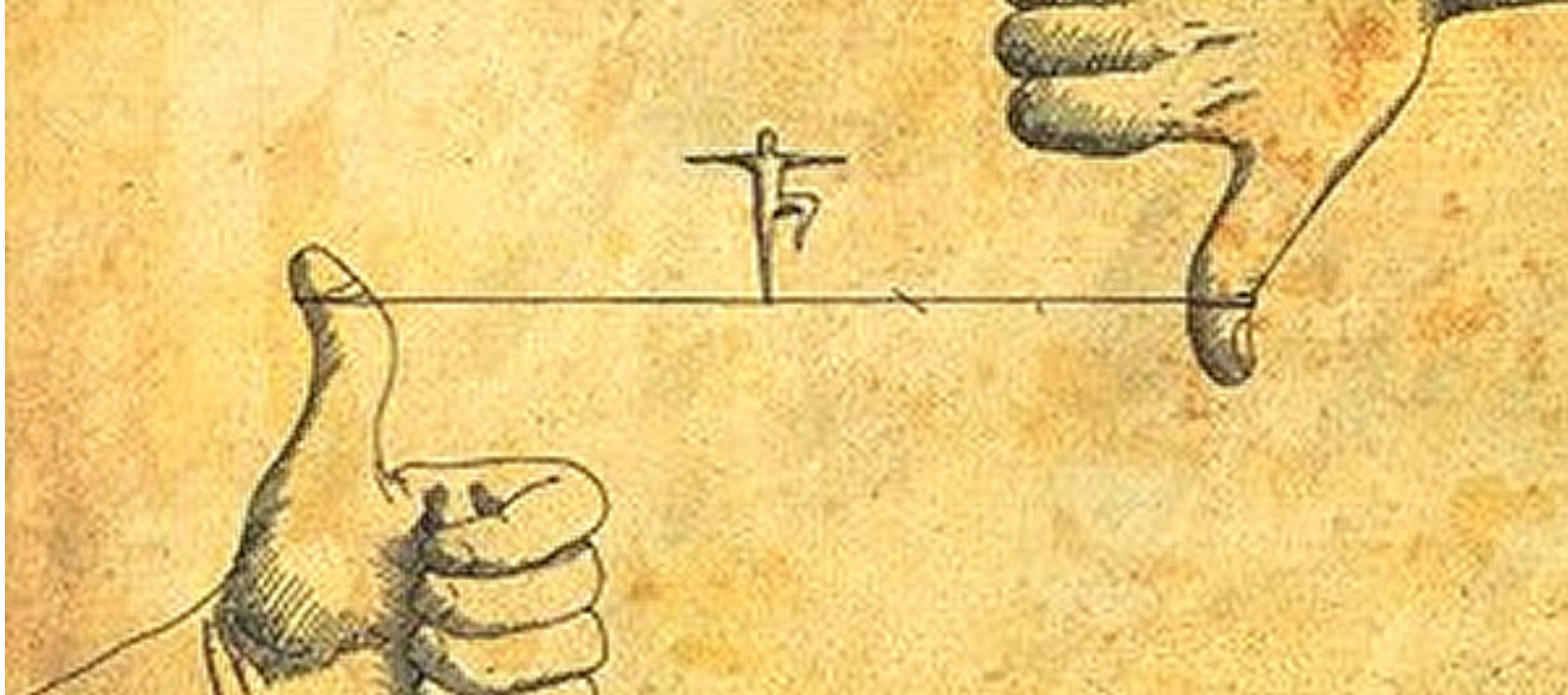
Evidence-Based

Contribution for a more rational and adequate Public Policies

Human Rights

Defend the basic rights of access to health, housing, social protection, among others

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Moral and Social Customs

HR challenges the prevailing Moral in our society that looks to the Person Using Drugs as someone incapable, unproductive and, above all, a criminal dangerous person – a non citizen

Non Judgmental

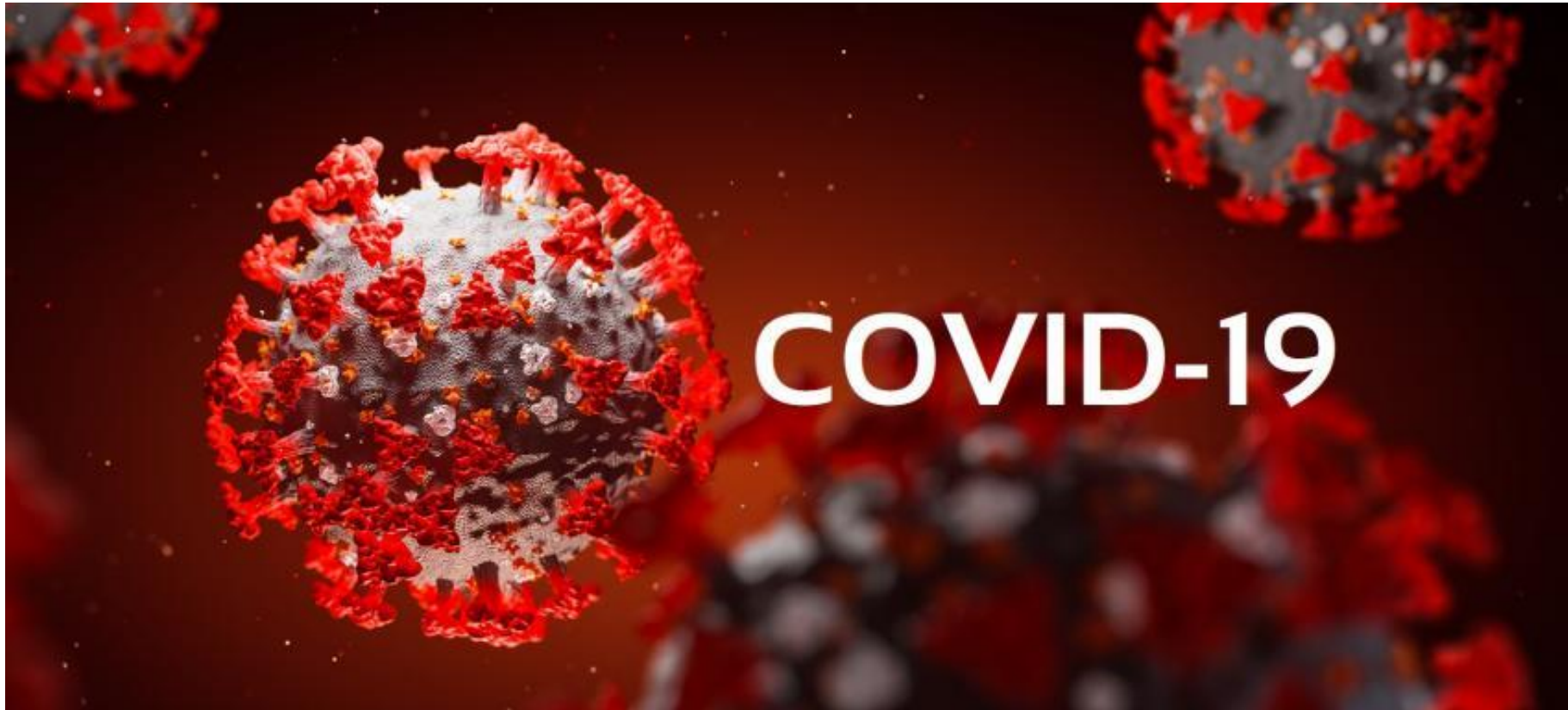
Harm Reduction practices are based in a Non Judgmental approach, criticizing the established Moral true that Drugs are per se dangerous and by consequence the People that take them

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Ethics and Stigma

Êthos - the personal dimension of the human act. So, I see Harm Reduction professional's attitude (when challenging the Stigma about drugs and PUD) as a genuine human Act.

The Pandemic Context



PANDEMIC CONTEXT

- Take Home Methadone – Improving Autonomy and Self-Management of Opioid Substitute
- Deepening the Relationship with the Person Using Drugs (PUD)
- Creating New Opportunities for Activism – Letter to the Job and Social Protection Minister (Fighting for the Recognition of Sex Work)

The Post-Pandemic Context



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- The collapse of the big structures (the breakdown of the hospital's intensive care unit)
- The re-emergence of community intervention (the importance of community-based screening and testing to controlled, avoid the spread of disease, promoting a self-responsibility)
- Increased inequality in society (deepening poverty and the social conditions of the people leaving in a vulnerable context)

WHAT CAN WE ACHIEVE BY HARM REDUCTION

Health Care

Social Protection System

Political Bodies

HR COMMUNITY

SERVICES

Referral and Linkage
Reducing Harm and Risks
Better and Effective Responses
Flexibility of the System

RESEARCH

Evidence-Based
Cooperation and Inclusive

ADVOCACY

Recognition Peer Educator's role
Fighting stigma
Laws and Drugs Regulations Improvement
Empowering Communities

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THANK YOU

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