

Imagine Peace in the Drug War

The First International Reykjavík Symposium on Drug Policy and Human Rights

October 9th and 10th 2015, in Tjarnarbíó

Dedicated to the Memory of John Lennon on his 75th Birthday

Friday, October 9th

03:00-03:30 PM

Informal Welcome Session

Snarrotin-ICLU First Motivational Award: Mr. Kristján Þór Júlíusson, Iceland's Minister of Health to support the Minister in his quest for public health and human rights based drug policy in Iceland

3:30-6:00 PM

Session I - The War on Drugs - The War against Human Rights and Public Health

Major Neill Franklin, Executive Director of LEAP - Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Baltimore, U.S.A.
Warrior to Protector: A Post War Policing Shift

Short break

Nanna Gotfredsen, Hardcore Harm Reductionist and Street Lawyer, Copenhagen, Denmark
(A Street Lawyers report on the real life of a marginalized population)
Q&A session with the speakers

6:45-9:00 PM

The Annual Imagine Peace Ceremony at Viðey island. Yoko Ono relights the John Lennon Imagine Peace Tower Memorial

Saturday, October 10th

10:00 - 12:30 PM

Session II - The Sociological and Ideological Roots of Prohibition and Pathways to Reform

Dr. Khalid Tinasti, Policy Analyst of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, Geneva, Switzerland
Address on behalf of the GCDP Commissioners on the pathways to drug policies that work

Short break

Ted Goldberg, Professor of Sociology, Solna, Sweden
From Harm Reduction to Prohibition and Back?: Swedish Alcohol and Illicit Drug Policy"
Q&A session with the speakers

12:30-2:00 PM

Lunch break

2:00-4:30 PM

Session III - Two examples of successful reform - Portugal and Colorado

Alcina Ló, Head of Planning and Coordination of the General-Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviors and Dependencies
Decriminalization - a preventive and health promotion approach

Short break

Art Way, Drug Policy Alliance State Coordinator for Colorado, Denver, U.S.A
The Legalization, regulation and taxing of cannabis in Colorado
Q&A session with the speakers

4:30-5:00 PM

Informal Goodby Session

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