

## **“Geneva Drug Policy Week”: 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2019**

The *Geneva Platform on Human Rights, Health and Psychoactive Substances*, together with partners, is planning a “Geneva Drug Policy Week” in June 2019. **The Week will be the first of its kind in Geneva** and comes at a time when **there is renewed worldwide discussion on drug use and drug policy-related questions**. This is reflected not only in the United Nations General Assembly sessions in New York, and the work of UN-bodies focusing specifically on drugs (such as the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) in Vienna), but also in the growing recognition that drug-related issues also fall within the scope of the work of many UN agencies and International Organisations based in Geneva.

Anchored in Geneva’s long history as a city of peace and dialogue, the Geneva Drug Policy Week aims to build on the growing recent momentum on drug policy-related questions, inside and outside of the United Nations. It aims to **bring together experienced actors from the worlds of civil society, academia, diplomacy and relevant United Nations agencies**, during the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 in Geneva to talk about drug policy-related issues. Topics such as the opioid crisis, human rights violations, conflict situations, cannabis regulation, access to controlled medicines, metrics, and prisons, to name but a few, will be addressed during the Week.

The exciting program will **include seminars, public debates and other discussions, film screenings and exhibitions from artists as well as the first University of Geneva Summer School on “Drugs, Health and Human Rights”** that will take place during the same week.

The Geneva Drug Policy Weeks offers a unique opportunity to increase the visibility of drug policy-related issues, and will provide new opportunities for International Geneva and Swiss actors working in this field in Geneva to connect.

We look forward to working with you and putting together a Geneva Drug Policy Week event with you.

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