

# Workshop Meaningful Peer Involvement

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# Programme of the workshop

## Introductions on:

- **Peer support work in 1990s**, Franz Trautmann
- **Different types of peer *involvement***, Jason Farrell
- **Examples of *meaningful* involvement in Finland and Portugal**, Sami Henttonen, Tuomas Ahonen, Sergio Rodriguez, José Queiroz

## Working groups on different activities:

- **Discussing possible challenges**
- **Ways forward**
- **Plan of Action**

## Launch of the website on peer involvement

# Website

[www.peerinvolvement.eu](http://www.peerinvolvement.eu)

- **resource of information** on meaningful involvement
- **source of inspiration** for all those working in the drugs field
- **work in progress** as a database of information and experiences, continually seeking and adding new, inspiring and updated contributions.

Learn, support, share and contribute!

# Peer Involvement

European initiative to boost meaningful involvement of people using drugs

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- Who can be involved?
- Where can you work?
- How to develop PI

## Home

### Welcome to this website !

It has been developed for those who want to work on enabling and increasing the meaningful involvement of people who use drugs in the development and implementation of services and policies.

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- a **resource of information** on meaningful involvement
- a **source of inspiration** for all those working in the drugs field
- a **work in progress** as a database of information and experiences, continually seeking and adding new, inspiring and updated contributions.

The information offered in this website is a collaborative effort documenting various experiences, references, booklets and contributions from all over Europe and beyond.



25 years ago, the first peer initiatives started working as innovative means of providing HIV education. Since then, the scope of peer involvement has significantly widened beyond HIV prevention and health interventions to areas that cover **numerous types of involvement, including client advisory boards, peer employment and training, peer-based overdose prevention initiatives, high-profile advocacy projects and internet-based networks.**

All of these initiatives represent an increased demand for **greater and meaningful involvement**: peers should be at the forefront and crux of drug services and policies. Meaningful peer involvement should be an essential and guiding ethical principle and a cornerstone of modern social and health policies, because it's ethically right, it works and it contributes to improving people's lives.

We hope this online web-based resource will serve as a guidance and reference tool.



**"Nothing about us without us"**

Resources

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