



## **Let's talk about drug solutions, and stop the harm!**

**Durban University of Technology (Steve Biko Campus)  
 Block S2 Level 1 Room 104  
 Tuesday 28 February 2017  
 18:00pm – 20:00pm**

We need to start talking about drugs! More importantly, we need to talk about solutions to reduce the harms caused by drugs and the way we enforce laws. Whoonga use is common in the city and new drugs continue to become available. Despite great efforts by police, and communities – tough love, zero tolerance and the war on drugs - have not made our city safer nor have they helped the majority of people who use drugs.

This public lecture will provide a chance to share experiences of harm reduction, an approach that allows us to treat all people with respect and give support to people who use drugs as we all work together to build safer, healthier communities. The event will include stories of people who have been on opioid substitution therapy and the Urban Futures Centre's plans to start an opioid substitution therapy demonstration project.

### **Draft Agenda**

| <b><i>Time</i></b> | <b><i>Activity</i></b>   |
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| 18:00 – 18:15      | <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks: <i>Stop the Harm!</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Monique Marks – Durban University of Technology</li> </ul>  |
| 18:15 - 19:00      | <b>Facilitated Discussion: <i>Let's Talk about Drug Solutions</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaun Shelly – TB/HIV Care Association/University of Pretoria- Drug Policy Advocacy Specialist</li> <li>• Prof Andrew Scheibe –Medical Doctor/Visiting Professor- University of Technology</li> <li>• Community Representatives on OST</li> </ul> |
| 19:00-19:10        | <b>Message of Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fawzia Peer- eThekweni Deputy Mayor</li> </ul>  |
| 19:10 – 19:30      | <b>Question and Answer Session<br/>Closing</b>   |
| 19:30 – 20:00      | <b>Refreshments</b>  |