

being credible about drugs

CREW talks face to face with over 45,000 people annually on the topics of drugs and alcohol and 52% of people say that their behaviour with regards to substance use has positively changed as a result of a CREW intervention.¹

These are impressive statistics for a tiny organisation of 18 employees and 63 volunteers and we are justifiably proud.

Others know how vital our work is too: we have won two prestigious GSK IMPACT awards for services to health, we are consulted by national policy makers and international networks on substance use and we are recognised UK wide as a source of help online, being trusted the most by people who actually take substances.²

The reason we maintain that credibility is that for over 20 years we have talked more frankly than anyone else. More importantly we have listened: we do not judge people for taking drugs whether legal or illegal.

CREW continues to reach more people, with our unique online service www.mycrew.org.uk now complementing our face to face services.

With your help, we can maintain our independence. This gives more people better information about drugs and alcohol and better support if their use becomes problematic, a vital mission in a changing landscape of drug use and controls.³

Credible information saves lives, non judgemental support changes lives.

- FREE WATER
- FREE INFORMATION & ADVICE ON DRUGS
- SPACE TO CHILL OUT
- SUPPORT WHEN YOU'RE FEELING ROUGH



Main image: CREW teams are well known at superclubs and festivals, described as "indispensable" by paramedics and trusted by all ages

Above: CREW DJ workshops in the drop-in shop engage marginalised and problematic substance users from 13 years of age.

Left: CREW trains over 2,000 front-line workers annually on drug issues topics range from attitudes to drug users with Police Scotland to the latest psychostimulants (AKA 'Legal Highs') for the NHS.

Bottom: CREW drop-in shop windows provide accessible information on drugs and sex.

1. CREW surveys "in the field" over 1,500 people on use and impact of drugs annually.
2. Centre for Drug Misuse Research, The 'Legal High' National Online Survey (2014).
3. Based on current trends new psychoactive substances could be implicated in "more drug deaths than heroin by 2016" (Centre for Social Justice 2014).

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Would you like to support CREW? Turn over for ideas.



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How you can make a difference

Could you or your business make a difference to our impact in the community? Here are some priorities for 2015.

£500 Become a corporate member of CREW.

Support our work and join our network for information, volunteering and training opportunities. Meet our team at AGMs and learn more about how your support makes a difference to real people across all social groups.

£800 Sponsor CREW's annual report.

Help us tell our story to funders and the community even more effectively every year.

£1,000 Put "the shirts on our backs."

Every volunteer needs a uniform, this money will pay for 50 and ensure the teams can be quickly identified at festivals and clubs by people in distress and other support teams like security and paramedics.

£1,500 Give our city centre drop-in shop a facelift.

This money will revitalise our shopfront that attracts over 5,000 young people every year for drugs and sexual health information, looks after 160 in crisis and refers over 100 into appropriate care.

£2,500 place a CREW welfare team in one of Scotland's major festivals.

CREW takes teams to festivals such as T in the Park and Knochengoroch along with superclubs. The volunteer teams see up to 5,000 people a day with harm reduction interventions as well as up to 100 in crisis and needing support. This level of donation pays for equipment, logistics and subsistence for our amazing volunteers for one event.

£3,500 Keep us on Cockburn Street.

Sponsoring the Drop-in means our all important home on Cockburn street is secure for another year where nearly every under 25 year old in Edinburgh knows where to find it for condoms, advice and support if they are in crisis.

£5,000 Revitalise and update the drop-in.

My name is The CREW drop-in and it has been 4 years since my last lick of paint... we are desperately needing to update the drop-in and will also accept any "support in kind" if you or your teams like getting their hands dirty!

£7,500 Telephone support for a year.

On top of general enquiries, referral or media calls, CREW takes hundreds of support calls every year. These range from people who want to understand what their children or partners are doing, to people who can't see a way out. This money buys 500 hours of phone support, with understanding, hope and practical guidance.

£10,000 Replace the CREW website.

CREW's online services reach off-shore workers and people in remote or rural areas, providing confidential advice and 1-2-1 support to manage or stop their drug use. This money will update old architecture that can no longer be efficiently managed. A new services site will integrate our support site MY CREW, social media and our database and seamlessly provide better care.

£24,000 Online resources into schools.

The CREW Generations project is an online resource for school aged children to work in tandem with our curriculum development work. This includes face to face work with teachers and carers of young people to reduce drug harm and empower young people to make informed decisions. This money will support the first phase development of online resources for teachers and confidential support for young people.

Can't decide? Let us!

Any amount of unrestricted money donated to a charity is incredibly valuable because it is the hardest to find. With unrestricted money CREW has pioneered a database to distribute information on the rapidly growing number of drugs, developed e-learning for case workers in Edinburgh and run countless outreach programmes providing information and support for people where drugs are being used. It has given us the independence to highlight and pre-empt drug trends. Any amount donated must be used for our charitable purposes but the freedom to choose when and how is invaluable.

Have time rather than money?

Perhaps you have skills we need: accounting, graphic design, printing, IT maintenance, web and database design, HR consultancy, data entry, vehicles and drivers, renovation, marketing and PR? We'd love to hear from you.

About CREW:

On an annual income of approximately £550,000, CREW runs outreach and welfare programmes at major festivals and superclubs, a drop in shop for sexual health and drugs advice in Edinburgh, a support service providing life changing counselling for over 130 people a year, recovery support plus online services. CREW runs projects to monitor new drugs and drug trends and provide resources for schools. We take crisis calls from families, friends and service users and campaign for responsible reporting of drug use in the press to reduce stigma and harm. We train over 2,000 professionals a year on drug issues and clients include small charities like ours, Scottish Prison Service, Police Scotland and the NHS. CREW has an expert witness service to assist courts by providing opinion on drug matters. All our work prevents problematic drug use (including alcohol), and reduces harm by providing credible information and support.

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