

Policy plan 2009-2015 (summary)

Harm reduction

The Mainline Foundation wants to improve the health and quality of life of substance users. The organisation supports and implements the concept of harm reduction. This pragmatic approach does not put any moral pressure on substance users. The main goal is to improve the health and living conditions of substance users.

Target group

In the Netherlands, health care information is primarily given to problematic substance users. Over the coming years Mainline also wants to focus on providing information to recreational and other users. Mainline also informs professionals, policy makers and national and international government bodies on the latest developments.

Method of working

Mainline works independently of the regular help services. The organisation's method of working is based on personal contact with users and accepting substance use. In this way we manage to gain their trust. And the acquired insights help us to provide a more customised form of healthcare information.

International co-operation

Mainline works nationally and internationally to ensure that substance users receive the care that they need. And fighting poverty plays an extremely important role in this. In close co-operation with local non-governmental organisations, Mainline develops and implements model projects and models based on the harm reduction approach. Mainline also works with its partners on prevention, and to offer substance users medical treatment and healthcare; this is also based on the harm reduction concept.

Future plans

Mainline primarily develops training courses and pilot projects, but over the coming time the emphasis will shift towards other projects. In the future the organisation wants to focus more on initiating long-term projects whereby it also aims to obtain long-term funding. Mainline is also expanding its work field, whereby its activities are increasingly carried out in conjunction with development cooperation. Next to fighting poverty and achieving health improvements, the organisation also focuses on human rights. Lobbying and advocacy are two important tasks here.