

TRANSFORM

Drug Policy Foundation

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ABOUT US

Transform is a UK-based independent charity working towards a just and effective system of legal regulation for all drugs.

A VISION FOR A BETTER WORLD

Our vision is for a world where drug policy contributes to safer and healthier societies.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

VICKY UNWIN



This is my first report as Chair of Transform, where I have been a Trustee since 2019. As the mother of a daughter who died from a ketamine overdose aged 21, I passionately believe in the work we are doing to legally regulate drugs, both in the UK and internationally.

I am pleased to report another successful year for Transform in which we continued to push for a review of drug legislation at the highest levels. The Home Affairs Select Committee made recommendations echoing some of our reform calls and we gave evidence to the London Drugs Commission. We worked closely with Scottish politicians to support activity for divergence away from Westminster's drug policies, leading to a historic victory last autumn as Glasgow announced it would open an Overdose Prevention Centre.

Furthermore, Transform remains a key driver behind cannabis legalisation and regulation. We have worked with officials in Malta, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Czechia, Ghana, Brazil and Colombia on cannabis reforms, informed by our practical guide for regulation. With demand growing for our insight, our guide has been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, German and Czech.

Anyone's Child has continued to influence the national conversation around drugs through our 'Take Drugs Seriously' series of public events and our annual lobby of Parliament. This year we held events across the country, bringing together local communities, police, councils, and Anyone's Child activists for grown-up conversations about drug policy. We know that these events are catalysts for localities to consider and implement alternative approaches to drug policy, enabling them to push forward reforms despite the confines of UK law. These nascent changes further demonstrate the effectiveness of our incredible network of Anyone's Child families and activists - this group of people with lived experience of the harms of UK drugs policy are central to the call for change.

Our allyship with Blaksox, funded by Trust for London, aims to ensure that the voices of Black communities are at the centre of the debate on drug policy reform in the UK. As part of this work we have held a number of drug policy discussions in London barber shops and were delighted to hold a community event in Hackney with Cassandra Frederique, Executive Director of the US-based Drug Policy Alliance. We were also pleased to visit New York on the one year anniversary of the passing of the legislation to legally regulate cannabis in the state. The study-tour involved meeting key players involved in bringing about and shaping the reforms, from grassroots campaigners, to entrepreneurs and legislators tasked with implementing the new social justice measures.

We were also delighted to launch our new publication 'How to Regulate Psychedelics: A Practical Guide', in which we have set out recommendations for establishing a just and effective system of legal regulation, addressing challenging questions in the debate including minimising corporate capture, ensuring equity, protecting Indigenous rights, tackling psychedelic exceptionalism, and interactions with international treaty law. Using these policy proposals, we will be focusing on advocacy work around psychedelics regulation - the new frontier for drug reform.

We have sought to refresh the Board of Trustees, bringing on new and diverse members to better represent the communities we work with, and we remain committed to increasing our diversity within the team as well. Sadly our Chair, Hannah Slater, had to resign due to ill health. We miss her insightful leadership and energy, and wish her a full recovery.

We give our thanks to Transform's funders and donors who continue to support our work in these uncertain times, along with our activists, volunteers and supporters. We remain committed to working towards our vision of a world where drug policy ensures safer and healthier communities. This year we were delighted to see indications of progress on this path, and to play our own part in bringing about change.

VOICES FOR REFORM

ANYONE'S CHILD: FAMILIES FOR SAFER DRUG CONTROL

“ IN THE 15 YEARS FROM WHEN I STARTED ON THIS JOURNEY, AND I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE WAY MY BROTHER HAD DIED, [I THINK] THE TIDE IS TURNING AND THE CONVERSATIONS ARE HAPPENING MORE FREQUENTLY AND THAT IS REALLY EXCITING.

Katrina, Anyone's Child member on BBC Radio 4's Today Debate

In the past year, the Anyone's Child campaign has been a beacon for change, growing in strength both in numbers and visibility, as members and activists continue to step forward with a collective call for change. They have been a force in shaping conversations on policy locally, nationally and internationally over the past year. As we reflect on a year marked by growth, collaboration and a clear and loud message for reform, the Anyone's Child campaign remains steadfast in its commitment to amplify the voices of those who have felt the profound impact of our failed drug laws.

ROAD TO REFORM: ANYONE'S CHILD TOURING THE LENGTH OF THE UK

From Aberdare to Edinburgh to London, we had another successful year taking the evidence-based arguments for drug reform to communities and key decision makers across the UK.

Our events are central to our strategy of combining policy expertise with human stories to influence change. They have proved very successful in generating media coverage, engaging key stakeholders, raising the level of debate locally and bringing about concrete reform in a number of areas of the country.

This year we held successful events in Aberdare, Brecon, Bradford, Calderdale and Edinburgh. Our events are helping us to speak truth to power and slowly change hearts and minds on this issue. We were delighted to have MP Beth Winter speak in Aberdare, MS James Evans in Brecon, and we had the Scottish drugs minister join us in Edinburgh.



Anyone's Child event in Bradford



Anyone's Child member Anne-Marie with the Scottish Drugs Minister

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BRILLIANT @TRANSFORMDRUGS @ANYONESCHILD EVENT TONIGHT IN EDINBURGH. CALLING OUT THE HARMFUL AND INEFFECTIVE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT AND THE NEED FOR REFORM INTO A SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RIGHTS BASED POLICY RESPONSE. SO POWERFUL HEARING THE HEARTBREAKING STORIES OF LOVED ONES LOST.

LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT

We held another successful lobby of Parliament on the 27th June with Anyone's Child families and activists, joined by 150 people on the day.

MPs from across the political spectrum addressed our supporters outside Westminster and we held a packed event in the House of Commons aimed at persuading MPs on the need for change.

Numerous MPs were met on and around the day including Alison Thewliss, Annaliese Dodds, Ben Lake, Crispin Blunt, Darren Jones, Jeff Smith, Liz Saville-Roberts, Mohammed Yasin, Rebecca Long-Bailey, Robert Courts, Ronnie Cowan, and Thangam Debonnaire.



Some feedback included:

“IT WAS GOOD SEEING SUCH A GREAT CROWD, AND CATCHING UP WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A LONG TIME. AND GREAT TO SEE A NUMBER OF MPS JOINING US TOO, THAT IS SO IMPORTANT.

“I REALLY ENJOYED HEARING MPS SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT DRUG REFORM, BECAUSE IT IS SO RARE TO HEAR.

“I ENJOYED THE EVENT AS A WHOLE. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE PEOPLE SHARING THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND HISTORIES WITH EVERYONE.



Anyone's Child lobby of Parliament





ANYONE'S CHILD
Supporting the child abuse recovery process
www.anyoneschild.org

Chris

CANNABIS REGULATION ON THE ISLE OF MAN

Transform staff alongside Anyone's Child activist Ray Lakeman have been actively feeding into the Isle of Man's review on their approach to drugs, including suggestions to legally regulate cannabis.

We have fed into the review, met in person with the Home Affairs Minister and delivered a presentation to the House of Keys on the importance of reform. In addition, we held a meeting for the public to push forward the conversation around reform. We are planning to return to the Island this year and continue this advocacy work.

ANYONE'S CHILD INTERNATIONAL

Anyone's Child took its message to the UN at the 2023 Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna. It is vital that we are able to give our members a platform at the UN-level to voice their opposition to the prohibitionist system that is being upheld within its rooms. Two of our members spoke at an event on Women in Law Enforcement organised by Law Enforcement Action Partnership raising the futility of, and the harm caused, by the enforcement of people who use drugs and the drug market.



I JOINED THE POLICE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE – BUT I LEFT THE POLICE BECAUSE CURRENT UK DRUG POLICY WAS PREVENTING ME FROM DOING SO.

Julia, Anyone's Child



Anyone's Child members speaking at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

CENTRING SOCIAL EQUITY IN REFORMS: OUR ALLYSHIP WITH BLAKSOX

NEW YORK STUDY TOUR

The Allyship returned to New York a year after our first visit to observe the state's progress on its introduction of a legally regulated cannabis market. New York has been ambitious in its policy development and committed to a set of reforms which aim to establish an equitable regulated cannabis market. The focus has always been on ensuring that the communities most severely affected by prohibition are able to benefit from a regulated cannabis market.

While there, we had the honour of meeting the legendary civil rights leader Reverend Al Sharpton. Together we discussed the key role that the legal regulation of cannabis has played in the US fight for racial justice.

Our two trips have allowed us to really familiarise ourselves with the New York cannabis regulation movement, forging strong relationships with key players both from civil society and policy making. We have created a series of short films, blogs and conversation pieces to share our inspiration around the impactful work happening across the Atlantic.



Transform and Blaksox meeting legendary Reverend Al Sharpton

DRUGS, RACE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE - BRINGING THE DEBATE TO THE COMMUNITY

We held a community event in Hackney and were delighted to be joined by the Executive Director of the US Drug Policy Alliance, Cassandra Frederique. She joined us to talk about lessons for the UK from the legally regulated cannabis industry in New York, and how Black people can and should be included in the social and economic benefits. Cannabis regulation in the UK is a case of *if not when*, and the Allyship is working hard to prepare on the ground to ensure our cannabis market is founded on racial and economic justice.



Transform and Blaksox in Hackney

GLOBAL JUSTICE IN EMERGING CANNABIS MARKETS

Viv Ahmun from Blaksox travelled with Transform's Steve Rolles to Prague to speak at the Second Expert Summit on Cannabis and Social Justice. During the week we, along with international partners, explored alternative futures for legal cannabis markets. This event focused on emerging cannabis regulation across Europe.

In addition we spoke at the Cannabis Europa Conference (a more industry focused conference) on the importance of incorporating social justice into cannabis reform from the perspective of our Allyship.

We also held a workshop on the importance of Allyship at the Cranstoun conference, which was attended by a range of key individuals from our sector.



Cannabis reforms and social justice - Prague

ON THE FRONT LINE OF REFORM: SHOWCASING BRISTOL

Bristol, where Transform has been headquartered for over 20 years, declared itself a harm reduction city in 2023, hosted the first UK city-centre drug checking site, called for the establishment of an Overdose Prevention Centre, and has countless motivated people working to ensure people who use drugs are safe. Over the past year we have been working in collaboration with the University of Bristol, funded by the Brinstow Institute, to explore the power of storytelling with an aim to showcase these various policy responses and harm reduction innovations that have been put in place to tackle drugs-related issues in our city. We held an event at the relevantly named Tobacco Factory to showcase some of the stories we have collected so far and to highlight the progress Bristol has made as a city towards reducing drug-related harms.



Discussing drug policy reform in Bristol

RESEARCH ON DRUGS - CHANGING ETHICS POLICY

Sharing the real-life stories of people who use drugs and those involved in the wider illegal drug market is fundamental to developing better policy responses. We held a workshop with academics and practitioners to critically explore the ethical and methodological challenges and opportunities that they are faced with when working with

these people and their stories. The final result was a set of guidelines - involving ethical storytelling principles and best practice - which were officially adopted by the University of Bristol's Ethics of Research committee late last year. These guidelines will be used to open up more research on drugs, and to help tackle the drug-related stigma that is often perpetuated in research institutions. We are taking this issue to the wider academic communities and other universities over the coming year.

BRINGING ABOUT LIFE-SAVING CHANGE AT A LOCAL LEVEL

We have continued our successful work at the local and regional levels working with health bodies, treatment groups, politicians and police, advocating for, and supporting the delivery of, life-saving measures within communities. Measures which also progress the national and international debate on drug law reform. Below are a few examples - with much of our work below the radar.

VICTORY AT LAST FOR OVERDOSE PREVENTION CENTRES IN THE UK

The UK's first official Overdose Prevention Centre (OPC) got the green light from Glasgow Council and the Scottish Government. This has been a long road for Transform (often working behind the scenes) and all our partners involved in this success.



Touring the mobile Overdose Prevention Centre ambulance around the UK

Following the decision, the UK Conservative Government (and the UK Labour Party) announced that they would not interfere. So Westminster has backed down on this pivotal campaigning issue, and Scotland can implement a measure which is already saving lives and benefiting communities around the world, by allowing people to use drugs in hygienic, supervised spaces instead of alone or in public.

We have also continued a country-wide tour of the mobile Overdose Prevention Centre ambulance, originally run by activist Peter Krykant as an unsanctioned space in Scotland. We have combined using it to showcase how OPCs work with our Anyone's Child events. We will be handing the vehicle over to a drug service soon, so it can once again be used by people injecting drugs.

DRUG CHECKING - A LANDMARK FOR DRUG POLICY REFORM



Dave from Anyone's Child attends opening of Bristol's drug checking

Another long road for Transform and partners that has reached a successful and groundbreaking conclusion, with The Loop opening the UK's first regular drug checking service, hosted by Bristol Drug Project. The first day alone saw service users get 26 samples tested for contents and potency, reducing the risk they will accidentally overdose, and providing crucial information to health services about what is in circulation. This is particularly important with a range of drugs increasingly being adulterated with super-potent and dangerous new synthetic opioids.

'EYES WIDE OPEN': ENHANCED HARM REDUCTION HOUSING

We are founder members and advocates for a network of homeless housing providers that actively encourage people using drugs to tell staff first, who then check they are OK, and treat any overdoses. This change from zero tolerance, or

turning a blind eye (when residents still hide their use), has huge potential to reduce drug deaths. For example, Simon Community Scotland saw drug deaths fall from 17 to just one a year immediately after this was introduced.

DIVERTING PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The number of police forces using schemes to divert people caught with drugs for their own use to education or other support rather than prosecution continues to grow. From the two small pilots in Bristol and Durham criticised by the Government when we started this work in 2016, there are now upwards of 15 forces using drug offence diversion, it has cross-party support and it is even part of the Government's own flagship 'ADDER' drug programme. With the West Midlands Police alone diverting over 10,000 people, large numbers of people have avoided a life-scarring criminal record, and received drug and harm reduction advice, or opportunities to enter treatment if needed.



Presenting on diversion to the Greater London Assembly

HEROIN ASSISTED TREATMENT

Our work continues to encourage the UK to take up the 'Swiss model' of prescribing heroin to people for whom other treatments have failed to benefit. Glasgow's clinic is developing a strong evidence base. While Middlesbrough's clinic closed due to funding being withdrawn by a new police and crime commissioner despite proving cost-effective and beneficial, a new clinic in England has now opened.

We would prefer drug use was removed from criminal law completely. Currently, diversion, OPCs, and enhanced harm reduction housing are all normalising the idea that criminalising drug use is counterproductive, and there are better ways forward.

LEADING THE MEDIA DEBATE

We have a good reputation for being a leading voice on drug policy reform in the media and this remained throughout 2023. We brought our calls for change to a broad audience from dozens of local newspapers and the Daily Mail, to BBC Breakfast and Radio 4 among many more. Our Anyone's Child members continue to bravely share their stories with the world. We continue to successfully inform and raise the profile of the drug policy reform debate.

Some of our notable highlights include Anyone's Child member Katrina joining Radio 4's Today Debate on drug policy reforms in Scotland and moving coverage of our Anyone's Child lobby of parliament by the Daily Mail. In international news, our work for a feature piece in The Economist advocating for cocaine regulation was shared on X/Twitter by the Colombian President.



**250+ MENTIONS ACROSS
THE MEDIA, FROM THE
DAILY MAIL TO RADIO 4**



**WEBSITE VISITORS
FROM 100+ COUNTRIES**



**75,000+ SOCIAL
MEDIA FOLLOWERS**



Our teens died from overdosing on ketamine and ecstasy - but we want drugs to be legalised in Britain



- Transform Drug Policy Foundation is campaigning for UK drug policy reform
- Regulating drug content would reduce adverse reaction deaths, they argue
- Latest stats show 4,517 deaths related to drug use in UK were recorded in 2020



Joe Biden is too timid. It is time to legalise cocaine

The costs of prohibition outweigh the benefits



New Guide On 'How To Regulate Psychedelics' Lays Out Four-Tiered Model Focused Specifically On Nonmedical Use



UK POLICY WORK

In the UK, whilst the central Westminster debate continues to be driven by a populist, tough on drugs narrative, we are beginning to see cracks in the dam as more MPs are speaking out on the need for a new approach and calling on Westminster for drug policy reform. This has been led by the Scottish Government who are now calling for a shift to a public health approach and an exploration of legal regulation of drugs, as well as winning a long fought battle for the establishment of an Overdose Prevention Centre. Our advocacy work continues to be instrumental in pushing for progressive reforms and raising awareness of evidence-based approaches to drug policy in the UK.

SCOTLAND WANTS TO EXPLORE LEGALLY REGULATING DRUGS

The Scottish Government announced a set of ground-breaking and pragmatic measures to reduce drug deaths, health harms and drug-related crime. Transform has been working on drug policy reform in Scotland for many years - and this is commendable political leadership from the Scottish Government.

The report proposes a shift from the current criminal justice model to a public health-based approach. It called for, among others things:

- Removing criminal penalties for the possession of all drugs for personal use ('decriminalisation'), based on approaches successfully implemented in many other countries such as Portugal
- Immediate changes to legislation, making it easier to deliver measures proven to reduce drug harms including: Overdose Prevention Centres (also known as Supervised Drug Consumption Facilities); drug safety checking; and provision of drug paraphernalia
- A roadmap to explore different models for the legal regulation of a range of drugs and establishing a Citizens' Assembly on drugs, all informed by expert assessments and evidence

HOME AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE IS CLEAR: UK DRUG LAWS NEED REFORM

The Home Affairs Select Committee published its findings and recommendations following its inquiry into drugs which had been launched the previous year when Transform was calling for a review of the Misuse of Drugs Act. Transform and families from Anyone's Child appeared before the committee to give evidence, as well writing evidence submissions to the inquiry. It made a clear call for many aspects of Transform's reform platform. These included for a review and reform of the Misuse of Drugs Act towards a public health response, and national rollouts of heroin assisted treatment, drug checking, drug diversion schemes, and Overdose Prevention Centres.



Presenting an Anyone's Child memorial flower to the Home Affairs Select Committee

LONDON DRUGS COMMISSION

The Mayor of London's commission is looking at the effectiveness of the UK's drug laws, with a focus on cannabis. Transform staff presented evidence on cannabis reform at an All Party Parliamentary Group meeting with the Cannabis Commission including Lord Falconer and several of the commissioners. We were then invited, alongside Viv Ahmun from our Blaksox allyship and our Chair, Vicky Unwin, to give oral evidence and have ongoing dialogue with the commissioners and secretariat. We await the release of the report this year but are optimistic that it will make a series of progressive calls on cannabis reform.

SHAPING THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

2023 has been another year marked by success and significant strides in drug reform globally. Transform has continued to maintain its strong reputation as a leading authority on the international stage. In 2023, staff were invited to discuss drug policy reform with leading policymakers and experts in Brazil, Czechia, Germany, Ghana, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain and at UN-Level.



UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CALLS FOR END TO WAR ON DRUGS

In a historic first, the UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights recommended UN member states to explore legal regulation as part of its response to the human rights costs of the “War on Drugs”.

“ THE CURRENT OVEREMPHASIS ON COERCION AND CONTROL TO COUNTER DRUGS IS FANNING AN INCREASE IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DESPITE MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT DECADES OF CRIMINALIZATION AND THE SO-CALLED WAR ON DRUGS HAVE NEITHER PROTECTED THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE NOR DETERRED DRUG-RELATED CRIME.

Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Transform also participated in the Annual UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), hosting an official side event on responsible cannabis regulation, and addressing the CND plenary session. Transform was invited by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime to participate in a public dialogue on the future of international drugs policy at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs intersessional meeting in December. The overwhelming evidence of the failures of prohibition and the increasing clamour for reform at this international forum are now impossible to ignore.



Transform at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

PSYCHEDELIC REGULATION - THE NEW FRONTIER OF DRUG REFORM

“ THIS IS A TIMELY AND NEEDED CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWING DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF PSYCHEDELIC REGULATION.

Dominique Mendiola, Senior Director, Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division & Natural Medicine Division, Colorado Department of Revenue

From our experience working with policy makers and governments around the world, we know that Transform’s regulation guides are valued for their scholarship and pragmatism. Responding to the renewed interest in psychedelics within mainstream discussions, at the end of the year, we published the third instalment in our ongoing book series on legally regulating drugs - ‘How to Regulate Psychedelics: A Practical Guide’. Our crowdfunder cleared the £10,000 target, with over 100 donations, demonstrating the public interest and value in this work.

This guide is the first of its kind, filling a critical gap in the debate on the regulation of psychedelics for non-medical use. It will help inform emerging developments at a critical moment in psychedelic policy evolution, addressing challenging topics including corporate capture, equity, Indigenous rights, and international treaty law.

We launched our publication via webinar to an international audience, with 150 people attending from 35 different countries. We have already travelled to Denver in the United States to speak at the largest psychedelics event in history, where we

presented on the need for considered regulation of non-medical psychedelics and what that means in practice.

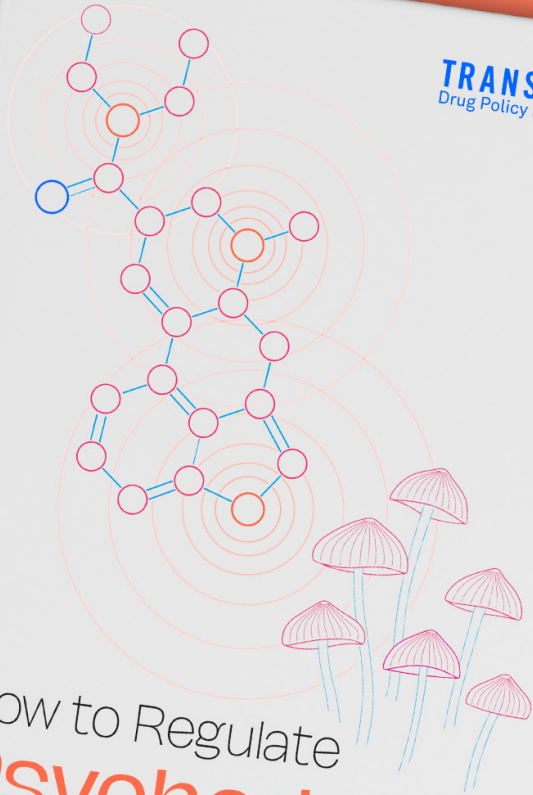
Translations into Spanish and Czech are in production so we can bring the book to a wider audience.

You can purchase a hardcopy of this book or read online at transformdrugs.org/psychedelics



Talking about legal regulation at the world's largest psychedelic conference in the US

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How to Regulate
Psychedelics
A Practical Guide

CANNABIS REFORMS SWEEPING THE GLOBE

The tide is turning on cannabis reform in Europe. The Netherlands marked a milestone by becoming the first country in EU history to open up production

and sales for legally regulated cannabis. Malta's groundbreaking cannabis reforms moved from paper to reality with the first licences issued for not-for-profit membership-based cannabis associations. We continue to work closely with Malta as consultants and were delighted to have our Senior Policy Analyst, Steve Rolles, be invited as keynote speaker at the formal launch of Malta's cannabis licensing process.



Transform's Steve Rolles consulting with the Maltese Government on cannabis regulation

On behalf of Transform, we were also invited to several high-level ministerial meetings on European cannabis reform involving Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Malta, and Czechia where we advocated on key issues of equity, social justice and sustainability.



On an international study tour of Barcelona's Cannabis Social Clubs

We also travelled to Brasilia to launch the Portuguese translation of our critical book “How to Regulate Cannabis: A Practical Guide” in partnership with our colleagues at Justa.org. The launch in the Brazilian congress was a resounding success, with the Brazilian agriculture minister and National drug coordinator in attendance. This reflects a positive shift in the Brazilian drug policy debate in the last year.

In partnership with local partners, Health Poverty Action and the International Drug Policy Consortium, we travelled to Accra, Ghana for a two day workshop on roadmaps to cannabis reform - beginning with medical and industrial cannabis, but also exploring options for regulated non-medical cannabis in the longer term.

Ghana has become an increasingly progressive voice in the drug reform debate in West Africa and the wider region. The meetings were attended by traditional farmers, local NGOs working in health and human rights, and Government officials from five departments including one Minister. While cannabis reforms remain politically sensitive, we are encouraged by the appetite to explore options and opportunities as cannabis reforms are taken up by more and more countries.



Launching the Portuguese translation of 'How to Regulate Cannabis' in the Brazilian congress



Meeting with Ghanaian ministers

FUTURE WORK

2023 was a pivotal year in drug policy reform and our small committed team is looking forward to 2024 to further advance these successes. With our limited resources, our focus remains on maximising impact and influence to ensure just and effective drug policy.

The upcoming UK General Election is a critical moment for which we will be utilising and further building on our support base through direct engagement with individual politicians and political parties. We will expand our work including our annual lobby of parliament and our attendance at key events from political party conferences to local events throughout the country. As drug policy reform, and in particular the legal regulation of cannabis, is increasingly becoming a key issue in Europe, we will demonstrate that the UK parties can't afford to fall behind the curve any longer.



Leading the debate on cannabis regulation

What lies ahead in 2024:

- Working with key partners to develop and implement a comprehensive roadmap to cannabis regulation in the UK
- Working in allyship with Blaksox and with our families at Anyone's Child to ensure those most impacted by our failed drug laws are centre stage in the reform debate and part of the policy making process
- Disseminating our publications to key UK and international audiences - including upcoming Spanish and Czech translations of our new 'How to Regulate Psychedelics'
- Continuing to inform the international reform debate through consultative roles for governments and civil society, and through proactive engagement in a range of key UN and international forums
- Continuing to establish and build local pockets of innovative practice around the country to demonstrate to policy makers that different approaches are not just possible but help save lives
- Running a campaign raising awareness of the risk of synthetic opioids and the need for reform to avoid a European crisis
- Developing our work engaging with Christian communities on the issue of drug reform

To ensure the continuation of our vital work, please donate. With your support we can change the drug laws. Please donate today through the QR code or at transformdrugs.org/donate



OUR TEAM

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

We would like to thank all of the volunteers and interns that have worked for us over the past year including the families involved in Anyone's Child.

TRANSFORM STAFF

A huge thank you to the Transform team for their dedicated efforts that have driven our success this year.

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FINANCES

Financial information (for the year ended 31 March 2023)

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 total £	2022 total £
Income from:				
Donations	91,827	266,664	358,491	456,759
Charitable activities	-	3,976	3,976	1,798
Investments	-	751	751	153
Total income	<u>91,827</u>	<u>271,391</u>	<u>363,218</u>	<u>458,710</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	12,740	12,740	10,469
Charitable activities	116,007	285,641	401,648	362,681
Total expenditure	<u>116,007</u>	<u>298,381</u>	<u>414,388</u>	<u>373,150</u>
Net income / (expenditure)	(24,180)	(26,990)	(51,170)	85,560
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(24,180)	(26,990)	(51,170)	85,560
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	<u>74,893</u>	<u>360,077</u>	<u>434,970</u>	<u>349,410</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>50,713</u>	<u>333,087</u>	<u>383,800</u>	<u>434,970</u>



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