

# CALL FOR OUTLINES FOR CHAPTERS IN THE 2024/25 ESSD BOOK

**\*\*\*Deadline extended to December 13<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

The European Society for Social Drug Research (ESSD) wishes to continue a fruitful tradition and, as in previous years, will publish a *peer-reviewed* edited collection. Inspired by the presentations and discussions at the 2024 annual ESSD conference in Manchester, the theme of the book is:

## **Outreach: Engaging People Who Use Drugs in Harm Reduction, Treatment, Policy and Research**

Harm reduction should be a key aim of all drug policy, interventions and support. Treatment should be available for those who seek it. Research should bring the voices and experiences of people who use drugs (PWUD) into the evidential base which (ideally, at least) underpins policy. In all cases, engaging with PWUD is important for good research, successful support, and effective interventions.

This call for book chapters is an opportunity to share innovative theoretical perspectives, results, methods and/or settings around the topics of outreach and engagement of PWUD in developing harm reduction strategies, treatment and support, and research.

We are interested in chapters on empirical studies, theory, and/or critical reflections related to one or more of the following topics, or other areas related to outreach and engagement of PWUD, and their implications for policy, research, and/or practice:

- Engaging of PWUD in treatment services. E.g., chapters exploring/reflecting on what does or doesn't improve user engagement with treatment services; user involvement in design or delivery of treatment services; user experience of treatment interventions.
- Engaging PWUD in harm reduction initiatives. E.g., chapters exploring/reflecting on what does or doesn't improve user engagement with harm reduction initiatives; user involvement in design or delivery of harm reduction initiatives; drug supplier involvement in developing harm reduction initiatives (especially in online/digital market places).
- Engaging PWUD in (legal or illegal) medical and therapeutic drug use. E.g., chapters exploring/reflecting on what encourages or discourages medical and therapeutic drug use; user involvement in medical or therapeutic drug use; user pathways from 'recreational' or 'problematic' drug use to medical or therapeutic use.
- Engaging PWUD in policy development. E.g., chapters exploring/reflecting on successes, failures, 'best practice' (etc.) in representation of PWUD in local, national or international drug policy forums; representation and inclusion of PWUD in drug policy delivery; PWUD and drug policy activism; possible inequalities in which users/user voices get included/excluded; the status of user narratives compared to other types of 'evidence' (e.g., 'expert', statistical, etc.).

- Engaging PWUD in research. E.g. chapters focusing on engaging drug users in research, including e.g., co-design or participatory research methods; strategies for increasing/improving access and recruitment of drug users or drug dealers for surveys, interviews, focus-groups or other methods; overcoming the 'hidden population' problem in drug research; innovative approaches to studying PWUD in challenging settings.
- Theoretical aspects of engaging PWUD. E.g. chapters exploring the relationship between normalisation of drugs and engagement with PWUD; stigma as a barrier to engagement of PWUD; engagement of PWUD as a destigmatisation tool.

Submissions **do not** have to be based on papers presented at the 2024 ESSD conference in Manchester; this call is open to all (ESSD members and non-members) so please **feel free to distribute widely** around your networks.

***Qualitative and cross-national studies are particularly welcome. All chapters should include a European dimension.***

The editors will be Lisa Williams and Zsuzsa Kaló, supported by the ESSD board. The book will be published by Pabst Science Publishers ([www.pabst-publishers.de](http://www.pabst-publishers.de)).

## **OUTLINES FOR CHAPTERS**

Those who are interested in writing a chapter for the book are kindly requested to write an **outline** of **600 – 800 words**, including:

- Title of the manuscript
- Author(s): a maximum of three.
- 3-5 key words
- Sections, with brief summary of content per section
- When applicable: method(s) and data to be used
- Theoretical framework
- European dimension

Outlines should be written in **UK English** in a **size 12 Ariel font**. They should be **double-spaced** with ample margins.

Please send your outline no later than **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024** to [essd.research@UGent.be](mailto:essd.research@UGent.be)

Outlines will be discussed and commented on in a meeting of the ESSD board in December 2024. Applicants will receive decisions, comments and any suggestions for improvement no later than **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

### **CONDITIONS**

All outlines are subject to editorial review and are received with the explicit understanding that they are not under simultaneous consideration by any other publication.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR OUTLINES**

Please set the language you are writing in to **English (United Kingdom)**: this means 'behaviour', 'organisation' and 'realised', for example, NOT 'behavior', 'organization' and 'realized'. Quotes and references using English (United States) should of course be left as they are. Before submission, you must have your outline **proof-read** by a native English speaker, preferably one who is familiar with academic writing. If you do not have access to a native speaker, please use one of the professional services (for example, <http://www.proof-reading-service.com/> which costs approximately 20 Euro per 1,000 words).

Avoid the words 'abuse' and 'misuse' in relation to drug use. Use 'drug use', 'problematic drug use' and 'dependent drug use.' If you use the term 'problematic drug use', there should be a clear definition.

***Outlines in poor English will be returned to the author for proof reading.***