

Biography of Professor Kate Dolan



I am an academic and an advocate of harm reduction who started in the field in 1984. I am an expert on research, program and service development and policy formation. I also have extensive experience in working in Harm Reduction internationally.

I am an expert in research methods, women who use drugs, human rights, people who inject or use drugs, drug treatment, safe injecting rooms and needle and syringe programs.

In 1986, I co-founded and evaluated Australia's first NSP (Wodak et al., 1987). I co-founded Australia's first sex workers' group and drug users' group. I evaluated UK's NSP from 1987 to 1992. I have also evaluated various drug treatments and many prison based programs.

From 1994 - 2020, I worked at Australia's National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. I have completed over 100 research projects and received (Aus) \$39 million in funding. In 2003, I established the Program of International Research and Training. I received (Aus) \$4 million in funding. The Program aims to facilitate research and training to minimise the harms from drug use and to increase the effectiveness of drug treatment. I have worked in Iran, Pakistan, Liberia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Egypt, Palau, the UK, Russia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Relevant experience in the MENAHRA Region

In 2003, I trained a group of Iranian prison doctors and toured 8 Iranian prisons, I realised that women in prison needed of drug treatment. I secured funding to establish the first methadone clinic for women in Iran and, mostly likely, the Region. I published four peer-review papers and two books on this clinic (Dolan, 2016 (in Farsi), Dolan, 2021). I have given keynotes at Iran's National Conferences on Hepatitis, on HIV and on Drugs. I have collaborated with colleagues in the Region which has produced 30 publications and presentations. I supervised two Iranian PhD students who studied women-only drug services.

Egypt: In 2021, I designed and delivered a training course on NCDs for prison health staff for UNODC. The NCDs covered were cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Pakistan: I have assisted a drug organisation called Amitiel Welfare Society to conduct several research projects. The director, Zeeshan Ayyaaz, has presented our work at MENAHRA's conferences.

Other international projects: I conducted a situational assessment of the Liberian prison medical service. I developed a Standard Operating Procedure and developed and deliver training for 70 staff.