Creative Intervention in a Creative City for Justice to All Drug Users

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Background

• According to the West Java Health Office of Ministry of Health, there were 2,628 cases of HIV/AIDS in West Java (per Dec 2009)
• 75.03% of the data are IDUs
• West Java is one of the most important and strategic provinces in Indonesia
• Bandung, the capital city of West Java, has become a diverse metropolitan city. In this modern setting, alcohol consumption and drug use are common among youth people.
• Stems from lack of understanding regarding drugs and HIV/AIDS → derived from lack of adequate information
Issues

• Stigma towards DUs: drug users are lazy, stupid, junkie, useless, etc
• Makes DUs are often discriminated
• Widespread stigma and discrimination against DUs \(\rightarrow\) results in human rights violations committed by: law apparatus, medical officers, and society.
Profile

• PANAZABA, association of victims of drug use, is a community-based organisation which advocates for the rights of DUs in West Java, Indonesia

• PANAZABA conducts community organising and advocacy.

• In addition, PANAZABA seeks to address the aforementioned issue by undertaking a creative approach
Critical group discussion in cooperation with an alternative book shop, ULTIMUS

STOP STATE’S VIOLATION campaign in cooperation with various human rights groups
Musical performance/exhibition in cooperation with Bandung Independent Solidarity (consists of cultural artist, musicians, etc)

Movie screening at Bandung’s downtown in cooperation with Common Room (Networking Center in Bandung, West Java)
Public discussion with youth groups and religious groups
Outcomes

• DUs community’s critical awareness is raised and would pay attention to the issue of drug use
• DUs will be more organised
• Society will understand and empathy to the issue of drug use
• The image of DUs as criminals, junkie, useless people is reduced
Outcomes

• The image of DUs as criminals, junkie, useless people is reduced
• Collaborative partnership with various stakeholders is established
• Diversity is the key to fights against stigma and discrimination, diversity is the key of change.