

Local Leadership United (LLU):

Elected officials are invited to participate in a facilitated dialogue about healthy communities & the Unregulated Drug Poisoning Crisis.

Dear Representatives and City Staff,

We recognize that local governments are uniquely positioned to lead public conversations and galvanize efforts to reduce substance-related harms in their communities. Great work has been happening at the local level to respond to Unregulated Drug Poisoning Crisis, alongside other major challenges (i.e. homelessness, COVID-19, climate events). To support your community's ongoing efforts, elected officials are invited to participate in a regional convening of local governments and local health resources from your region.

This free event is part of a provincial project delivered through a partnership between Community Action Initiative (CAI) and the British Columbia Centre for Disease control (BCCDC). Since April 2022, Local Leadership United (LLU) has engaged over 60 local governments across BC at in-person dialogue events. LLU also presented at the UBCM AGM, the Metro Vancouver Mayor's table, and is providing training to bylaw, other first responders and service providers across the province. Facilitated by a team of experienced harm reduction & community health educators, LLU dialogues provide a supportive, safe-space for leaders who are interested or engaged in harm reduction and overdose prevention efforts to grow their knowledge, skills, and to network with the local resources who can support their work. We also discuss how harm reduction is interconnected with local government mandates and an approach that supports success with respect to larger goals (i.e., public safety, homelessness).

An agenda is attached below.

"I have learned how much I don't know. I am so proud of all the work happening in our community and know we can get through this together" – City Councillor at close of the LLU Northeast event

"It has been so supportive to have a third party hold neutral, safe space for these tough conversations. Relationships have been formed and strengthened, and we are excited for where new partnerships will take us" – Partners at Fraser Health after three LLU events in the region

Date: Wednesday June 12th, 2024, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Billy Barker Casino Hotel, 308 McLean St, Quesnel, BC V2J 2N9

Register: [LLUQuesnel.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/llu-quesnel-tickets-755555555555)

We can offer \$0.70/km in mileage to cover travel to and from the event. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the project further, please reach out to our Project Manager, Noah Chalifoux, nchalifoux@caibc.ca.

Thank you for taking the time to read this invitation and we hope to see you at our event!

Most sincerely,

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Janine Stevenson,
Director of Strategic Initiatives & Special Projects, Community Action Initiative (CAI)

Local Leadership United (LLU): Regional Dialogue

Healthy Communities and the Overdose Crisis

Agenda

Coffee & Light Breakfast Welcome (9:00-9:30)

Introductions

Update on the Provincial Overdose Crisis/Response

The History of Prohibition

Harm Reduction – What've you heard?

Decriminalization & Change

Lunch & Networking Time (12:00)

Applying Harm Reduction to Local Government Mandates

Introduction to Local Resources

Positive Impacts & Strategy Time

Closing Circle (end by 4:00)



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