



# Developing Gender-Sensitive Addiction Programmes

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Webinar: June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021,  
13:30 - 15:30 CEST

*The webinar will be in an interactive 'round the table' set-up where knowledgeable speakers with grassroot experience in the fields of prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and rehabilitation will have an open discussion on various topics/questions related to developing gender-sensitive addiction programmes.*

## Diana Joseph (India)



Managing Trustee of Fourth Wave Foundation India, Diana Vincent, has over 15 years of experience working with international organisations. She has been actively championing the cause of inclusion with a focus on children with special needs and the child right to Education and a substance abuse free environment. She advocates for uniting stakeholders to take responsibility and work with communities to participate in the change process. A researcher by interest and passion, she has also co-authored several papers and journals, which have been presented at international forums. Diana holds a Masters in Human Resource Management and has completed an advanced management program in Corporate Social Responsibility Leadership from The Swedish Institute, Sweden.

Prevention

## Jorgelina di Iorio (Argentina)



Jorgelina di Iorio is the coordinator of the intervention area of the Civil Association "Intercambios", dedicated to the study and attention to drug-related problems, concretely from the perspective of risk and harm reduction. With a doctorate in Psychology, Jorgelina is a professor and researcher at the University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Psychology and a researcher at the Argentina National Council for Scientific and Technical Research on issues associated with the intersections of mental health/social inequalities, particularly among vulnerable populations. Speaker at national and international conferences, coordinator of workshops from participatory and peer education approaches, and author of research articles, Jorgelina combines her research experience with the intervention area.

Harm-Reduction



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Edward C. Carlson  
(USA)



Treatment

Edward C. Carlson has been the Chief Executive Officer of Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. (OHL) since January 2005, bringing over 30 years' experience in human services and addiction field. Under his tenure, he has expanded OHL from a small, singular treatment program to a multi-program social service continuum of care, growing OHL into the largest and most comprehensive substance abuse treatment facility in Louisiana. Mr. Carlson has been responsible for the implementation and operations of over 39 treatment programs over his career and is a dedicated advocate for the substance abuse field. He currently serves as President for Treatment Communities of America ((TCA), a national member-led professional association that represents over 600 programs sites providing an array of integrated substance use disorder and behavioural healthcare services.

Jane Mwangi (Kenya)



Rehabilitation

Jane Mwangi is the Founder of Willing Way Wellness Centre located in Ngong, which focuses on the treatment of young people who are going through addiction in alcohol and other drugs, and the integration back to the community. Jane holds a Bachelor's degree in Counseling Psychology from University of Nairobi and Master's Degree in Gender Development Studies from the University of Nairobi. She is the Executive Director of Unheard Voices Afrika, a community-based organisation working with women, children, and youth. Her ultimate goal is to be instrumental in educating, protecting, and promoting rights of vulnerable groups, women, children, and youth in the areas of education, capacity building, and mental health. She has experience working with the community and is currently involved in advocacy of matters relating to mental health, early teenage pregnancy, FGM and education at Ngong, Kajiado County. With regard to her social responsibility agenda, Jane focuses on young people, with a keen interest in matters relating to Drug and Substance abuse in schools.