

HCLU FILM PORTFOLIO 2009

REPORT ON THE
VIDEO ADVOCACY
PROGRAM OF THE
HUNGARIAN CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION



HCLU Film, the [video advocacy program of the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union](#), produced 70 films in 2009; 26 were Hungarian and 44 were in a foreign language. The program operates with one coordinator, in close cooperation with the drug policy program coordinator, as the majority of the HCLU films focus on the field of [drug policy](#).

Our international work continues to use the cooperation method that we developed. Beyond attending drug policy conferences and interviewing activists on various issues, the collaboration we do with partner NGOs in other countries allows our films to positively affect their local advocacy efforts. The [Eu-](#)

[ropean Drug Policy initiative](#), coordinated by the HCLU, provided a perfect framework for filming issues and events transnationally. This has allowed us to make films concerning: the issue of drug tourism in Dutch border towns; the upcoming heroin program in Denmark; the history and failure of strict Swedish prohibitionist drug policies and how they have prevented Stockholm from starting a needle exchange program; the catastrophic HIV epidemic in Russia and the lack of funding for needle exchange programs and; Kyrgyzstan's successful implementation of harm reduction programs.

Our Hungarian language films in 2009 were used to strengthen the HCLU's other programs. With the "HCLU Reports" series, we explained our position on various issues in a manner that is easily understandable. We continued to film the trials of court cases handled by the HCLU, mostly having to do with freedom of information. Our latest Hungarian language film project tackles the human rights issues of Romani people, a new dimension that has recently been added to the HCLU's advocacy work. We decided to broach this topic because of the ever increasing virulence of racism in Hungary. With the support of the Royal Embassy of the Netherlands, we have



produced 17 short films on how to fight discrimination for the [Office for the Protection of National and Ethnic Minorities \(NEKI\)](#). We have produced our 45 minute long film "[Without Rights](#)" on the rights violations that Romani people face in the eastern part of the country. Our work at this part of the country is not yet funded, and we provide the funding ourselves. This film was the main film on the 10th of December, Human Rights Day, on the leading online news portal, [Index](#) in Hungary. It received 13176 views until the 29th of December, the writing of this report.

Our films are all available online for streaming and as of this year, also for downloading. Our film database makes it easier to search for HCLU films by category. We continue to use the [creative commons Attribution-Non-commercial-Share Alike license](#). This

allows our films to be downloaded, distributed, even modified for non commercial purposes, as long as the derived work properly credits the HCLU and is shared under the same license.

The video sharing sites we continue to use are YouTube (we have a [Hungarian](#) and an [English](#) profile), Vimeo and the human rights video sharing site, the [HUB by Witness](#).

From this year all our films are [downloadable](#) also (we built a [database](#) for easier access, it is available yet for the foreign language films). In the back of this document you will find all the download links to our films. Another great development this year was the subtitling of all of our new films in English and Hungarian. This was made possible by YouTube's new subtitle upload function, which also makes it possible to translate the subtitles to any languages while watching the film, using Google Translate. We are not only subtitling our new films, but have also started to subtitle films shot before the YouTube's subtitling feature was introduced.

This year, we were able to purchase a used Sony HVR-Z7 camera that takes more beautiful footage than was possible with our old camera.

We constantly receive very positive feedback on the content and quality of our films. Tens of thousands of people watch our films and comment, share or embed them on their own blogs or websites. According to the feedback, NGOs from all around the world, in Denmark, New Zealand, Great-Britain or the US were inspired by our films to grab a camera themselves and start filming their own advocacy movies. Below are a few comments that we received on YouTube or on Drugreporter, our drug policy website.

”” *I would like to say thank you HCLU for making this and all the other well produced and important videos that you have published.* “ “

”” *Thanks to the HCLU for exposing Sweden - absurdly sterile water is also only sold from pharmacies in Sweden if one can provide a doctors prescription!* “ “

”” *Great video. Harm Reduction is the word for the world.* “ “

”” *Congratulations once again for the excellent quality of the video!* “ “

”” *I (heart) the HCLU and ENCOD! Thanks for going to Vienna!* “ “

”” *These videos are getting better and better. Such a mood-brightener. It's really inspiring.* “ “

”” *This film is a good advocacy material. I strongly believe the concerned persons may visit other neighbouring countries that got success in introducing methadone as a substitute drug... Bangladesh has recently decided to introduce Methadone (Pilot phase) which was one of our long waited dream!* “ “

”” *I think Freek Polak has opened a door and we have to do whatever needed to avoid that Costa or anyone else is closing that door again. The fear for drugs is the fear of the none user who is anxious to be confronted with other opinions. So keep up the pressure and thanks to Péter Sarosi and the whole team for increasing television values.* “ “

”” *Keep up the good work. Wish I was on that conference...* “ “

”” *Keep on fighting! We need Mr. Costa to face the truth.* “ “

”” *Keep up you good videos .from Debra Dingeldine in Tucson,AZ yes, your so right.* “ “

”” *Excellent Documentary! Greetings from Scotland to Hungary!! :-}* “ “

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THE NETHERLANDS

SMOKING WITHOUT BORDERS





Han Polman, Mayor of Bergen op Zoom

The mayor of the Dutch border town Bergen op Zoom announced that he would close down all coffee shops selling cannabis because of the crime and nuisance caused by drug tourists coming from Belgium.

Some reports even concluded that the Dutch coffee shop system proved to be a failure and Dutch drug policy needed to be revised.

The HCLU's video advocacy team decided to visit the Netherlands to get the full story. We interviewed the mayor and learnt that he has no problem with cannabis users or coffee shops in principle – but he is fed up with the 25.000 drug tourists invading his town every week, accompanied by traffic jams and drug runners. We also traveled to the nearby city of Tilburg, where this mayor plans to legalise the large scale cultivation of cannabis.

We spoke with the manager of a coffee shop who explained that coffee shops are integral part of Dutch society and simply could not be wiped out.

[The film](#) we produced on this particular situation had 18, 881 views until the 29th of December on Vimeo.

Our main conclusion was that the problems associated with drug tourism are not caused by cannabis use or coffee shops.

The real problem is the illegality of cannabis in neighbouring countries and nothing will be solved by closing down coffee shops.

The real solution to the problem is in the hands of the neighbouring countries:

The effective regulation and control of the cannabis market, in Belgium and other bordering states may not get rid of traffic jams but would put an end to drug running and other crimes associated with prohibition.

In order to facilitate a Belgian change in policy, we asked viewers to send emails to the Belgian Ministry of Justice asking them to consider the regulation and control of cannabis.



Ruud Vreeman, Mayor of Tilburg

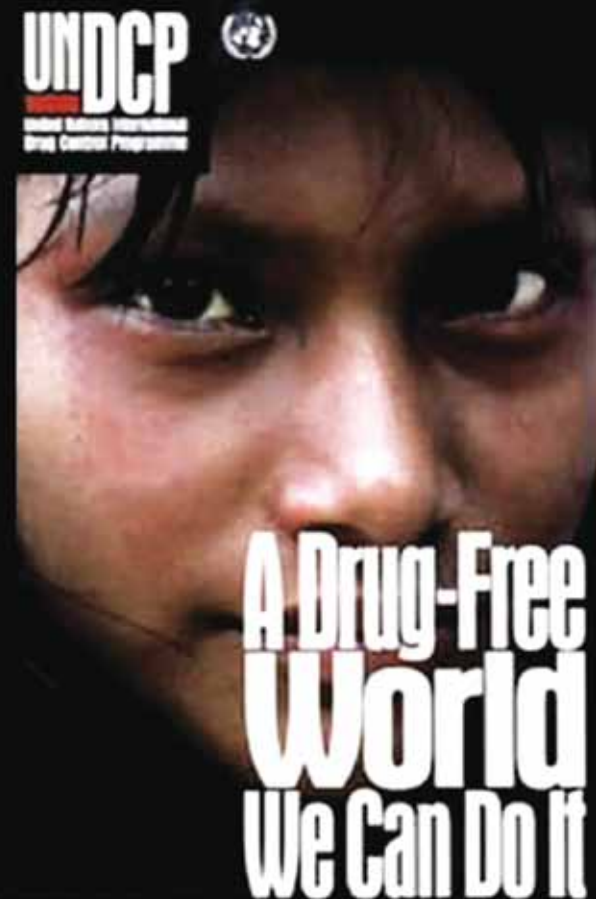


Joost Cornelissen, Coffee Shop Owner, Tilburg

VIENNA

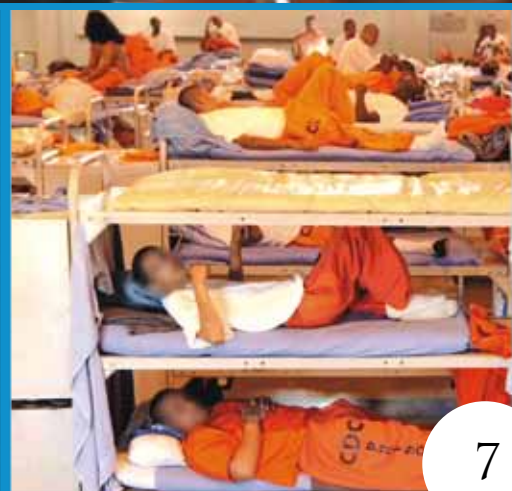
HCLU IN ACTION: STOP THE GLOBAL
WAR ON DRUGS!





On the 11-12 of March 2009, the United Nations gathered in Vienna to discuss at the High Level Segment of the CND (Commission on Narcotic Drugs) the effectiveness of current drug control policies and to adopt a new Political Declaration on drugs.

Despite tremendous evidence pointing to the failure and unintended consequences of the global drug war, it was an open secret that governments would not break with the old “tough on drugs” approach to new drug policy.



Prior to the meeting, the HCLU launched a campaign to draw attention to the harm caused by the international drug control system. We produced a [campaign video](#) to publicize what was happening at the High Level Segment, to highlight 10 years of failed UNGASS goals and to call for their re-evaluation. During our filming in the Netherlands, Kyrgyzstan and Denmark, we collected the views of drug users, scientists and activist from all around the globe, and produced [21 video messages](#) to the participants of the CND in Vienna in 2009. The INPUD - International Network of People Who Use Drugs - conference in Denmark was a very good opportunity to meet drug user activists from all around the world.

The work we did around the CND was helped by [WITNESS](#), an American NGO working extensively on video advocacy. WITNESS not only provided advice and expert reviews of our films but also supported the HCLU with ideas on online advocacy. Our cooperation has been fruitful and an enriching experience.



Arild Knutsen, Norway



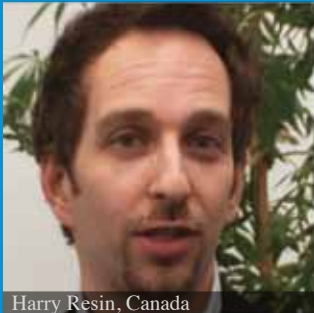
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Berne Stålenkrantz, Sweden



Daan van Leeuwen, The Netherlands



Harry Resin, Canada



Roxanne Baker (Rokki), USA



Joep Oomen, Belgium



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Aleksandr Zelichenko, Kyrgyzstan



Paul Wilhelm, The Netherlands



Prof. Henrik Tham, Sweden



Sophie Hæstorp Andersen, Denmark



Tam Miller, Scotland



Samuel R. Friedman, USA

For the CND in March, the HCLU launched another campaign on the website www.dare-toact.net.

Here, Dutch psychiatrist Dr. Frederick Polak called on viewers to pose the very same question he asked the head of the UN Drug Office, (UNODC) Mr. Costa, several times, without getting a serious answer: "How does (Costa) explain that in the Netherlands, where cannabis is legally available for adults, the levels of cannabis use are on the European average, and much lower than in many restrictive countries, like Britain or the US?"

We have film on three occasions Mr. Costa avoiding both the question and a serious debate: once in [Vienna](#), then in [Barcelona](#), and once again in [Vienna](#).

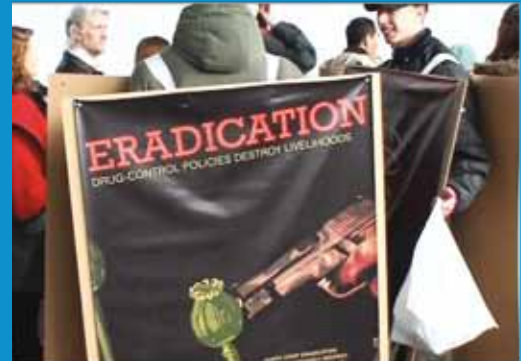
Our online campaign resulted in hundreds of emails being sent to Costa, and we are still receiving carbon copy emails.

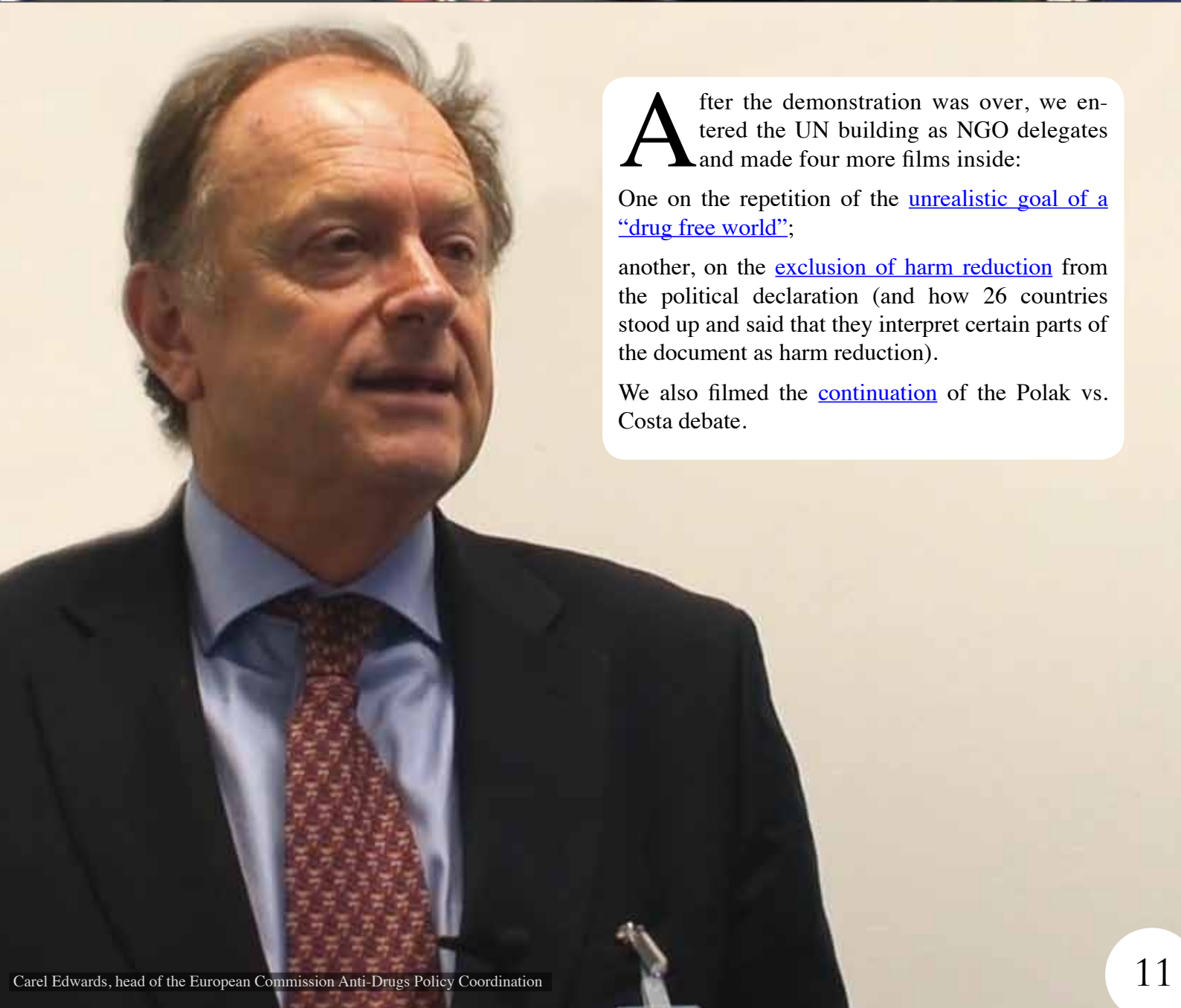


On the 12th of March, the [HCLU organized a protest](#) in front of the UN building in Vienna, at the opening day of the CND. Other organizations joined the HCLU's initiative, like the International Network of People Who Use Drugs (INPUD), the European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD), Youth Rise and Students for Sensible Drug Policies. A press conference was held with the speakers in cages to call attention to those incarcerated for drug offences. Earlier, we organized a poster contest on the negative effects of the war on drugs, and the [winning pieces of artwork](#) could be seen by all the delegates entering the building. [The film we made on the protest](#) was viewed 6543 times, as of the 29th of December.



Kaisermühlen-Vienna Int. Centre U1





After the demonstration was over, we entered the UN building as NGO delegates and made four more films inside:

One on the repetition of the [unrealistic goal of a “drug free world”](#):

another, on the [exclusion of harm reduction](#) from the political declaration (and how 26 countries stood up and said that they interpret certain parts of the document as harm reduction).

We also filmed the [continuation](#) of the Polak vs. Costa debate.

Lastly, we also filmed and published the only subtitled online version of the [speech made by Evo Morales](#), president of Bolivia, in which he chews coca leaves and ask for their reclassification.

These films were viewed 8047 times altogether as of the 29th of December, 2009.



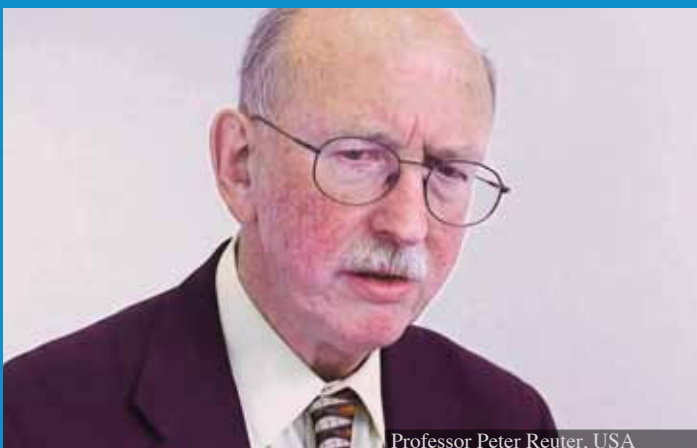
Juan Evo Morales Ayma, President of Bolivia



Matthew Southwell, INPUD



Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Global Drug Policy Program, OSI



Professor Peter Reuter, USA



Allan Clear, Harm Reduction Coalition, USA and Péter Sárosi, HCLU

SWEDEN

DRUG-FREE BY ALL MEANS?



Sweden is the only country in Europe that has based its national drug policy on the goal (or as they put it, the vision) of a drug-free society. For many this seems to be an innocent, idyllic dream like “world peace” – but it’s not. Henrik Tham, Professor of Criminology at the Stockholm University, makes this point [in our film](#) made in cooperation with the Swedish Drug Users Union.

This “zero-vision” is dangerous because it requires that the goal of total abstinence supersede other goals, values or rights like life or health. Indeed, for some Swedes the vision of a drug-free society is more important than preserving life or reducing the spread of HIV. This explains why Stockholm is the only EU capital with no official needle exchange program.

Our [second film on Sweden](#) focused on how this drug-free vision affects those who have problems with their drug use - how they are denied proper treatment in the name of abstinence. We expose in-depth how Sweden came to be the only EU capital city without a needle exchange program, despite enormous evidence that it saves lives.

If a society is trying to get rid of drugs, it invariably means that it will soon try to get rid of drug users. Thus, the war on drugs is always a war on people.

At the end of the film, we call on viewers to write emails to the Swedish Minister of Public Health and ask for an official needle exchange program to be opened in Stockholm.



Per Johansson, Swedish National Association for a Drug-free Sweden



Berne Stålenkrantz, Drug User Union, Sweden



Janne Wallin, Sweden



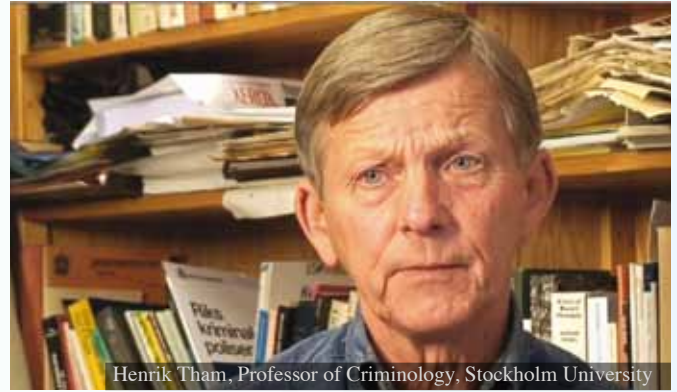
Combined, both films were viewed 7607 times. We have no information on whether our films had a direct effect, but we received news at the end of 2009 that the municipality of Stockholm finally approved plans for an official needle exchange program.

We also [interviewed sex worker activist Pye Jacobsson](#) in Sweden, who spoke about the problems with the Swedish model of criminalizing the clients of sex workers.

We have subtitled this film in Russian and Hungarian, and as of the 29th of December 2009, it was viewed 14029 times.



Martin Kaberg, Psychiatrist and Infectious Diseases Doctor, Stockholm



Henrik Tham, Professor of Criminology, Stockholm University



Jorgen Svidén, European Cities Against Drugs



Pye Jacobsson, Sex Worker Activist, Sweden



KYRGYZSTAN

PIONEERS OF HARM REDUCTION





We made this [film](#) in cooperation with the NGO Adilet in Kyrgyzstan, to help their advocacy efforts and showcase their success. The Kyrgyz Republic in Central Asia is situated in a drug trafficking route. The country found itself with a severe HIV epidemic among injecting drug users. Kyrgyzstan has been the first country in the region to introduce science and evidence based harm reduction strategies, like needle exchange programs and methadone maintenance therapy. This film documents how these strategies have proven to be successful in curbing the HIV epidemic in the country. We also wanted to contrast the progressive stance taken by the Kyrgyz republic with the development of drug policy in similar countries: the Russian Federation where methadone maintenance is illegal and Kyrgyzstan, where methadone and sterile syringes are even available for prisoners.



This film was viewed online 10420 times until the 29th of December 2009.

We sent 100 DVDs for Adilet to distribute, and we ourselves distributed 50 DVDs at certain conferences, for example in Moscow.



At the drop in center AMAN+ in Kyrgyzstan



Nurlan Shonkorov, Union of People Living with HIV/AIDS, Kyrgyzstan



Aleksandr Zelichenko PhD, Policeman and Drug Policy Expert, Kyrgyzstan



Methadone bottle in the substitution center in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



DENMARK

LAWYERS ON THE STREET





Nanna W. Gotfredsen, "Gadejuristen" - "Street Lawyers", Denmark

When our video team attended the meeting of the International Network of People Who Use Drugs (INPUD) in Copenhagen in November 2008, we [filmed](#) the daily activities of the Danish NGO "Street Lawyers" within the framework of the EDPI project.

The Street Lawyers (Gadejuristen) provide a fascinating example of how legal assistance can be offered to street based drug users.

The organization is based in Copenhagen, Denmark, and provides legal aid and clean syringes to the most disadvantaged drug users in the city.

The Street Lawyers fight for a supervised injecting facility in Copenhagen, to protect street users from overdoses and diseases.



The Street Lawyers exchanging needles in Copenhagen, Denmark



Sophie Hæstorp Andersen MSc, Politician, Denmark



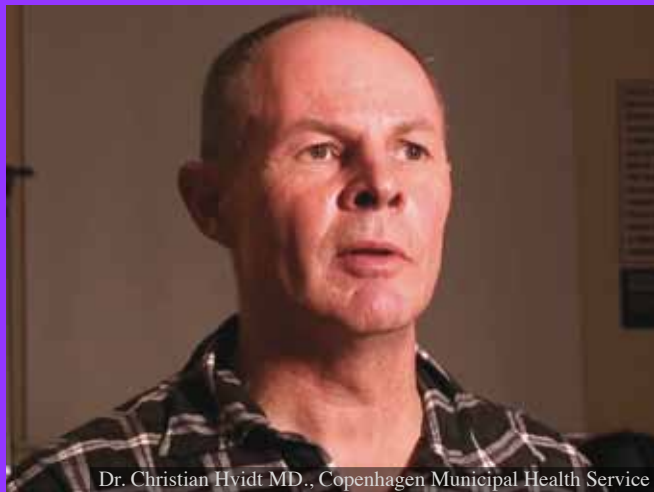
Dr. Peter Ege, Head of Medical Service, Municipality of Copenhagen



Mogens Lauridsen, Chief Superintendent, Copenhagen Police

Det skjulte narkoliv

Pigen bag denne dør siger ofte ja til at lade en nekrofil mand bedøve og udnytte sig i bevidstløs tilstand, for at hun kan få råd til de piller, hun er stærkt afhængig af. Nu vil Socialdemokraterne have forsøg med fri statsheroin til de mest udsatte narkomaner. Side 8-9



Dr. Christian Hyidt MD., Copenhagen Municipal Health Service

Our [second film](#) from Denmark focuses on how Denmark finally decided to start heroin maintenance program.

While this type of program has been successfully introduced in several western countries, it still has to fight prejudice and being misunderstood. The Danish program provides heroin under supervised circumstances for those users who did not benefit from any other treatment.

This results in the dramatic decrease in crime, death and illnesses, and their well being greatly improves.

RUSSIA

OFFICIALLY NEGLECTED





Shona Schonning, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network at a press conference in Moscow

The number of people living with HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia rose to 1.5 million in 2007; almost 69 percent of these infected people live in the Russian Federation. According to UN estimates, more than 60 percent of new transmissions are due to the sharing of injecting equipment.

It follows, that international recommendations see harm reduction programs such as opiate substitution treatment and needle exchange programs as the most cost-effective tools to reverse this trend back. Unfortunately, opiate substitution treatment using methadone is illegal in Russia ([watch our previous movie on this issue](#)), while needle exchange programs are tolerated.

The needle exchange programs currently running in Russia are funded by the Global Fund and not by the Russian state. The Global Fund spent hundreds of millions of dollars in the past years, on setting up harm reduction programs in Eastern Europe. Recently, it decided that Russia has lost its eligibility for funds since it can no longer be considered a “low income” country, but an “upper-middle” income country.

Although the Minister of health promised in 2008 that the state would begin funding these programs, this did not happen. Programs have started to close down – only in August, 22 needle exchange programs had to close their doors.



Mihail Grishin from Center Podwal, Moscow addressing Michel Kazatchkin from the Global Fund



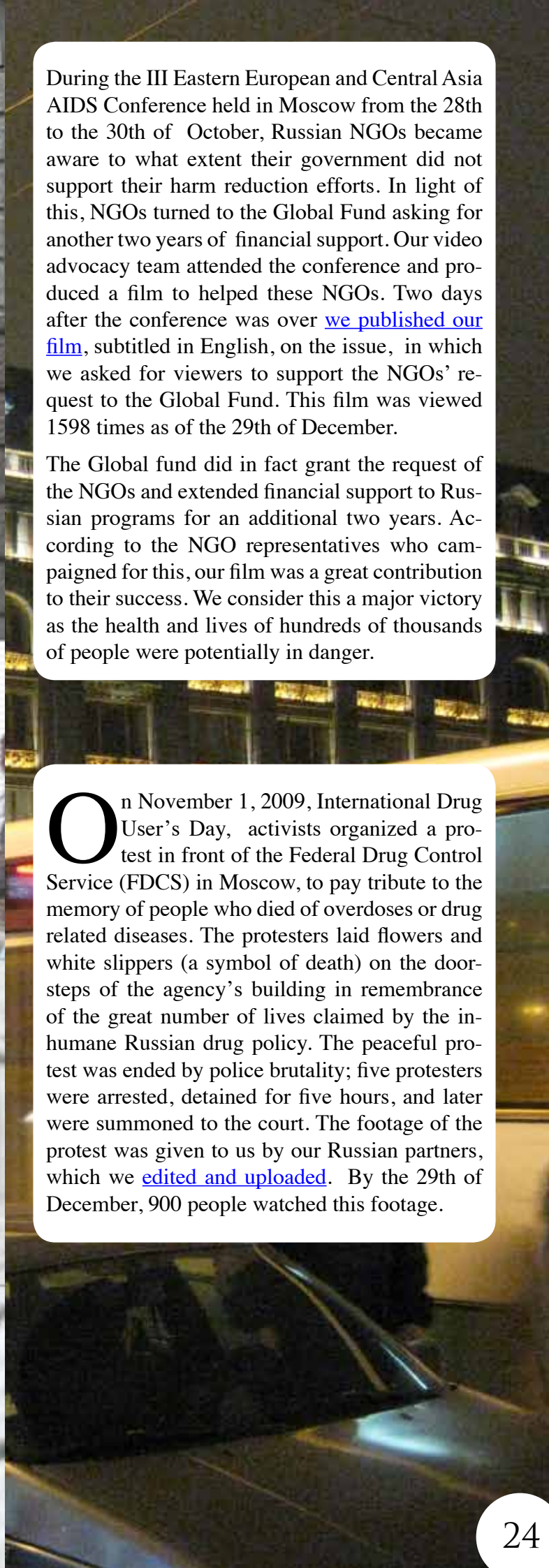
Elena Nyikolaevna Peruskina, from the AIDS Info Share, Moscow addressing Gennadii G. Onishchenko from the Federal Service on Protection of Consumer Rights and Human Wellbeing, Russia



During the III Eastern European and Central Asia AIDS Conference held in Moscow from the 28th to the 30th of October, Russian NGOs became aware to what extent their government did not support their harm reduction efforts. In light of this, NGOs turned to the Global Fund asking for another two years of financial support. Our video advocacy team attended the conference and produced a film to help these NGOs. Two days after the conference was over [we published our film](#), subtitled in English, on the issue, in which we asked for viewers to support the NGOs' request to the Global Fund. This film was viewed 1598 times as of the 29th of December.

The Global fund did in fact grant the request of the NGOs and extended financial support to Russian programs for an additional two years. According to the NGO representatives who campaigned for this, our film was a great contribution to their success. We consider this a major victory as the health and lives of hundreds of thousands of people were potentially in danger.

On November 1, 2009, International Drug User's Day, activists organized a protest in front of the Federal Drug Control Service (FDSC) in Moscow, to pay tribute to the memory of people who died of overdoses or drug related diseases. The protesters laid flowers and white slippers (a symbol of death) on the doorsteps of the agency's building in remembrance of the great number of lives claimed by the inhumane Russian drug policy. The peaceful protest was ended by police brutality; five protesters were arrested, detained for five hours, and later were summoned to the court. The footage of the protest was given to us by our Russian partners, which we [edited and uploaded](#). By the 29th of December, 900 people watched this footage.



UNITED STATES

DRUG POLICY REFORM CONFERENCE
IN NEW-MEXICO

After the War on Drugs





Reverend Edwin Sanders, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church



Anthony Papa, Drug Policy Alliance, USA



Ethan Nadelmann, Drug Policy Alliance, USA



Dorsey Nunn, All of Us or None, USA



The HCLU Film team attended and filmed extensively during the Drug Policy Reform Conference, organized by the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA), in Albuquerque New-Mexico. By the second day of the conference, we had already published the uncut opening speech of the DPA executive director, [Ethan Nadelmann](#), and the DPA Board member, [Ira Glasser](#).

One day after the conference, our first [film](#) was ready, where we documented a twilight candlelight vigil in remembrance of the prisoners of the drug war. At the vigil, Reverend Sanders pointed out that even if it seems like we stand alone against the whole world in our fight for freedom and justice, this should never make us forget that only one man with a single match is enough to dispel darkness. If you fight against the sinister powers behind the so-called war on drugs, you are indeed a “keeper of the light”.



Medical Marijuana at Harborside Medical Cannabis Center in Oakland, USA



In the [second film](#), we focused on outlining what a post-prohibition world may look like: how would different drugs be taxed and regulated? What are the available models for regulation and control? What lessons can be drawn from the history of tobacco and alcohol and how can we avoid the same problems when we legalize currently illegal drugs?

The Transform Drug Policy Foundation, a London-based think tank, presented its blueprint on the legal regulation of drugs at the conference. We interviewed leading drug policy reformers – such as Ethan Nadelmann, Danny Kuschlick, Mark Haden and Sanho Tree - at the conference to provide answers to the questions raised above.

At the conference, we cooperated with the American Harm Reduction Alliance to produce films on the situation of needle exchange programs in the US and the topic of stigmatisation, which will only be ready in 2010.



Ethan Nadelmann, Drug Policy Alliance, USA



Mark Haden, Canada



Danny Kuschlick, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, UK



Sanho Tree, Institute for Policy Studies, USA

HUNGARY

WITHOUT RIGHTS - ROMANI ISSUES



In Hungary, our most popular film was shot about human rights abuses experienced by Romani people in Hungary. The 45 minute long film, that is also subtitled to English is entitled “[Without Rights](#)”.

During the aftermath of murders in Tatárszentgyörgy, Péter Juhász and Bence Békés began visiting villages around Ózd to support the Romani people living in the area. With advocacy tools provided by the HCLU, they joined in helping these communities advocate for themselves and fight discrimination more effectively. This film is the first piece documenting their work and revealing the situation they found.

Why would a local government pass a law that forces clubs to close at 10 pm, in an area where the only place open happens to be Romani? How can someone be accused of carrying 700 kg of wood on a bicycle? How can a case be labelled as a false alarm when the whole street witnessed a gun being pointed at a pregnant woman? How can the parents of six children be put in prison for two of their children skipping school? The film deals with such issues.

Since the summer of 2009, the HCLU has become more and more involved with human rights cases involving Romani individuals. The aim of our program is to improve the advocacy skills of Romani communities, offer mediation services in problematic cases and, through strategic litigation, to take up the gauntlet against institutionalized discrimination and magisterial niggling, all of which make the situation of people living in poverty impossibly difficult. Our aim is also to inform the public about the everyday problems and miserable living conditions associated with deep poverty.

The film was published on [Index, the main Hungarian online magazine](#), on the 10th of December, Human Rights Day. It was featured on the main page for a day, and remained the film of the day for several days. It reached 13176 views altogether as of the 29th of December 2009. We have produced 200 DVDs and have begun distribution to partners and other organisations.



With the support of the Royal Netherlands Embassy we produced 17 films for the [Legal Defence Bureau for National and Ethnic Minorities \(NEKI\)](#). Of these, one was an introduction film for NEKI, and another film focused on their method for detecting discrimination. In this method, a person belonging to an ethnic group (mostly Roma) and a non ethnic person apply for the same job or go to the same pub. Their experiences are contrasted in order to determine whether discrimination happens or not. In the DVD package and on the YouTube channel, there are 15 additional films: 9 case studies on discrimination, 6 explanations of terms, like discrimination, aggrieved party, compensation etc... and explanations on what to do if you have been a victim of discrimination.



István, Volunteer Tester for NEKI



Klára Iványi, Social Worker and Dr. József Kárpáti, director at NEKI



Dr. Imre Furrmann, Deputy Director of the Equal Treatment Authority



Dr. Ernő Kállai, The Parliamentary Commissioner for National and Ethnic Minority Rights



Dr. Márton Udvari, Lawyer, NEKI



Dr. József Kárpáti, director, NEKI



Tamás, Volunteer Tester for NEKI



Dr. Erika Muhi, lawyer, NEKI

The simplicity of the HCLU report series allowed us to present our position on complex and charged issues in a manner that was clear, concise and well thought out.

The [first film](#) was made on why we are against the criminalization of Holocaust denial. The [second](#) was filmed on the right to give birth at home: We called attention to the fact that it is a constitutional right but midwifery and other birthing assistance offered outside an institution, is not yet regulated. We have turned to the Constitutional Court to force the Parliament to create appropriate legislation. In the [third report film](#), we highlight the situation of those living with disabilities in closed institutions, and call for a common discussion on the forum of our website to create the disability policy of the future.

On the website we have the video on this call, and extensive background materials. In 2009, we also filmed our court cases and filmed at other events organized by HCLU, like the [candlelight vigil](#) in front of the Ministry of Health on World AIDS Day, 1st of December 2009.



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István Gábor Takács and Péter Sárosi interviewing Allan Clear from the Harm Reduction Alliance



Preparing our gear in a hotel room



Péter Sárosi, Ethan Nadelmann and István Gábor Takács



Editing in a hotel room



Péter Sárosi and Anastasiya Apekhina in Moscow

THE FULL LIST OF HCLU FILMS IN 2009

LIST OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILMS

18-12-2009	After the War on Drugs
How will a post-prohibition world look like? We talk so much about ending the war on drugs – but do we really know how a post-prohibition world may look like? Interviews with experts on this issue, filmed in Albuquerque New Mexico at the DPA conference.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/afterthewar
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?aywz11rmtzt
Language	English
Subtitles	English and Hungarian coming soon
16-11-2009	“We are the Keepers of the Light”
A short film on the Twilight Candlelight Vigil organized by the Drug Policy Alliance in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to remember the prisoners of the drug war.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/keepersofthelight http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-tv/we-are-keepers-light
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?mgtgvzwidhg
Language	English
Subtitles	English, Hungarian
14-11-2009	Ira Glasser speaks at the DPA conference
The full speech of the President of the Board of DPA in New Mexico.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/glasserspeech http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-tv/ira-glasser-speaks-dpa-conference
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?dh3wn5kj3gd
Language	English
Subtitles	None
13-11-2009	Ethan Nadelmann’s Opening Speech in New Mexico
The full opening speech of the DPA director at the International Drug Policy Reform Conference, uploaded on the day of the speech.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/ethanopening http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-tv/ethan-nadelmanns-opening-speech-new-mexico-uncut
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?y5zh4t5uyn1
Language	English
Subtitles	None
11-11-2009	Repressed Memories - Disbanded Protest in Moscow
Protest in Moscow to pay tribute to the victims of drug policies. It lasted only two minutes, as it was soon disbanded by police.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/moscowprotest http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-tv/repressed-memories-disbanded-protest-moscow
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?jt2tztv2fn0
Language	Russian
Subtitles	English, Hungarian
03-11-2009	Ethan Nadelmann invites you to New Mexico! (2 films)
International Drug Policy Reform Conference 2009 Teaser with Ethan Nadelmann and Karl Hart.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/dpateaser http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-tv/ethan-nadelmann-invites-you-new-mexico
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?y5zh4t5uyn1 http://www.mediafire.com/?oonxfm3zmzz
Language	English
Subtitles	None
02-11-2009	Officially Neglected
Harm reduction in Russia is on the verge of collapse - watch our video made at the Moscow AIDS conference. This video supported the civil society’s request to the Global fund to provide a two year extension to the support of harm reduction programs in Russia.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/moscowaids2009 http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-tv/officially-neglected-updated
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?jyntz5hrozn
Language	Russian
Subtitles	English, Hungarian

22-10-2009 Waiting for a Legal Shot	
HCLU and the Danish Street Lawyers present you their new short movie about the introduction of heroin maintenance to Denmark.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/legalshot http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-film/waiting-legal-shot
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?mtz1jgmdltu
Language	English
Subtitles	English, Hungarian
23-09-2009 Gadejuristen - The Danish S	
The Danish "Street Lawyers" from Copenhagen have been advocating the legal rights, human rights and legal security of drug users for 10 years. This film is about their work and why they struggle for supervised drug consumption facilities in Denmark.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/gadejuristen http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-film/gadejuristen-danish-street-lawyers
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?dyozjmy50jj
Language	English
Subtitles	English, Hungarian
26-08-2009 A Heroin User in Stockholm	
An HCLU film on why there is still no needle exchange program in the city of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, while according to a recent study, the prevalence of Hepatitis C among injecting users is 85%. As it is said in the film, Sweden is always a champion of human rights when it's about other countries, but not, when it comes to their drug users or sex workers. The film is made in cooperation with the Swedish Drug Users Union.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/stockholmtucser http://drogriporter.hu/en/stockholmns
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?tngzjaejnto
Language	English
Subtitles	English, Hungarian
22-07-2009 Kyrgyzstan - Pioneers of Harm Reduction	
A new film by the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union made in cooperation with Adilet, an NGO in Kyrgyzstan. The films show how the Kyrgyz Republic successfully reacted to the HIV epidemic with implementing Harm reduction measures in time.	
URLs	http://drogriporter.hu/en/kyrgyzstan http://tasz.hu/en/hclu-film/kyrgyzstan-pioneers-harm-reduction
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?lmion2ddmlb
Language	Russian
Subtitles	English
6-06-2009 We want to save you! And if you don't appreciate it, you will be punished!	
Interview with Pye Jacobsson, a Swedish sex worker activist, on the criminalisation of clients of sex workers in her country.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/en/pye http://swannet.org/node/1512
Download link	English: http://www.mediafire.com/?2z5zw3ydyd Russian: http://www.mediafire.com/?iyiezulhy14 Hungarian: http://www.mediafire.com/?mhnzt5nwm4t
Language	English
Subtitles	Separate Russian subtitled film: http://swannet.org/node/1530 and separate Hungarian subtitled film: http://tasz.hu/svedszexmunka
26-06-2009 A Drug-Free Sweden: By All Means?	
An HCLU film about the dream of a drug-free Sweden: is Swedish drug policy really as succesful as its allies claim? Made in cooperation with the EDPI partner in Sweden, the Swedish Drug Users Union.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/drugfreesweden http://drogriporter.hu/en/drugfreesweden
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?mzmm3hkj54
Language	English
Subtitles	English, Hungarian
23-06-2009 10 Year After UNGASS 1998: The Eastern European Experience	
A cooperation with EHRN. Filmed at the Drug Policy training on December 12-14, 2008 Kyiv, Ukraine, organized by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network in partnership with IDPC.	
URLs	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZpb8UQxH9I
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?vem0z4nwtz4
Language	Russian, English
Subtitles	English

15-05-2009 Chewing coca at the UN

The Bolivian president's speech at the high level UN meeting in Vienna, in two parts, in which he chews on coca leaves and asks for the international reclassification of the coca leaf.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/en/morales> <http://drogriporter.hu/en/morales>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?wmywggjy51m>
<http://www.mediafire.com/?m5jmcoimidh>

Language Spanish

Subtitles English

09-04-2009 Harm Reduction: Revolutions

Debate on harm reduction at the UN high level meeting on drugs - is it really a storm in the teacup? Fourth in the series of reports on the UN High Level Segment on drugs in Vienna, 2009.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/revolutions> <http://drogriporter.hu/en/revolutions>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?mgd4gzmfvzw>

Language English

Subtitles Coming soon...

06-04-2009 Drug-free World: Reloaded

Video with the sleeping delegates of a UN meeting dreaming about a drug free world. Third in the series of reports on the UN High Level Segment on drugs in Vienna, 2009.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/reloaded> <http://drogriporter.hu/en/reloaded>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?rculdtw2yc>

Language English

Subtitles Coming soon...

24-03-2009 Questioning Costa's Answer

The continuation of the debate between Dr. Polak and Mr. Costa, this time at the UN High Level Segment on drugs in Vienna, march 2009. Costa promised a discussion paper, but still it has not been published. Second in the series of reports on the UN High Level Segment on drugs in Vienna, 2009.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/questioningcostasanswer> <http://drogriporter.hu/en/discussionpaper>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?yuzjmyjm2u2>

Language English

Subtitles Coming soon...

14-03-2009 Protest Against the Global Drug War - 11.03.2009

This video was filmed at the Stop the Global War on Drugs demonstration and press conference organized by HCLU in cooperation with INPUD, ENCOD, Youth RISE and SSDP in front of the UN building in Vienna at the opening day of the UN CND High Level Segment on the 12th of March. First in the series of reports on the UN High Level Segment on drugs in Vienna, 2009.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/demovideo> <http://drogriporter.hu/en/demovideo>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?fmmimwznnny>

Language English

Subtitles Coming soon...

20-02-2009 The Fingertrap and the Pen

A short act by Lennice Werth and Walter Cavalieri. The Global Drug War of our present time is like a fingertrap. Harm reduction, the idea to help people despite their risky behaviour, is like a pen. This funny little piece explains why.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/daretoquestion> <http://drogriporter.hu/en/daretoquestion>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?2nhjraeywzz>

Language English

Subtitles Coming soon...

20-02-2009 21 individual messages to the Governmental Delegates at the High Level Segment of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2009

The Hungarian Civil Liberties Union has collected the voices of drug users, scientists and activist from all around the globe. They are sending their messages to the participants of the United Nations meeting on drugs in Vienna in 2009. The messages are voiced by: **Harry Resin**, Canada; **Daan van Leeuwen** from MDHG, The Netherlands; **Victor dos Santos** from MDHG, The Netherlands; **Paul Wilhelm**, owner of the Coffee Shop Dampkring from Amsterdam; **Arild Knutsen** from the Association for Humane Drug Policies, Norway; **Berne Stålenkrantz**, head of the Swedish Drug Users Union; **Astrid Forschner**, a heroin user from Germany; **Dr. Peter Ege**, Denmark's most acknowledged drug policy expert; **Janne Wallin**, a Swedish heroin user and methadone patient; **Nanna W. Gotfredsen** the Danish „Street Lawyer - Gadejuristen” and harm reduction advocate; **Aleksandr Zelichenko** policeman, drug policy expert and PhD. from Kyrgyzstan; **Hans van Diujn** an ex police officer from the Netherlands, retired president of the Dutch Police Union and present member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP); **Prof. Henrik Tham** a criminologist professor from Sweden; **Joep Oomen** from Belgium, a member of ENCOD; **Dr. Frederik Polak** a psychiatrist from the Netherlands, a member of ENCOD; **Lev Babenko** from Kyrgyzstan, an ex-user who is now running the only drop in center for drug users in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, **Sophie Hæstorp Andersen** MSc a young politician from Denmark, **Dimitri Mugianis** from the USA, member of the User Group Vocal New York; **Samuel R. Friedman** an HIV researcher and poet from the USA; **Tam Miller** representative of the „Chemical Reaction” User Group from Scotland; **Roxanne Baker** (Rokki) from USA, a methadone advocate.

URLs	http://tasz.hu/daretoquestion http://drogriporter.hu/en/daretoquestion www.youtube.com/group/daretoquestion
Download link	http://tinyurl.com/yaudvykū
Language	Various (English, German, Danish, Russian, Swedish, etc.)
Subtitles	English

20-02-2009 Dare to Question Prohibition!

A campaign video, raising attention on the upcoming CND High Level Segment in 2009, and calling viewers to send their own video messages for the country delegates of the CND special session.

URLs	http://tasz.hu/daretoquestion http://drogriporter.hu/en/daretoquestion
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?menmgjzm4r
Language	English
Subtitles	none

14-01-2009 Smoking without Borders

A film on the Drug tourism issue in the Netherlands made in cooperation with the Dutch member of EDPI.

URLs	http://tasz.hu/en/drugtourism http://drogriporter.hu/en/drugtourism
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?m4jn03dej3f
Language	English, Dutch
Subtitles	English

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12-30-2009	HCLU Reports – on the Disability Policy of the Future
A new piece of the HCLU reports series on how the policy of disability issues – especially housing should look like in Hungary. HCLU calls for an open discussion on the topic, with a dedicated webpage: www.tasz.hu/intezet-helyett	
URLs	www.tasz.hu/intezet-helyett
Download link	
Subtitles	None
14-12-2009 Without Rights	
A new documentary film by HCLU on the situation of Romani people in Hungary. Why would a local government pass a law that forces clubs to close at 10 pm, in an area where the only place open at that time happens to be Romani? How can someone be accused of carrying 700 kg of wood on a bicycle? How can a case be labelled as a false alarm when the whole street witnessed a gun being pointed at a pregnant woman? How can the parents of six children be put in prison for two of their children skipping school? The film deals with such issues.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/en/roma-issues/without-rights
Download link	
Subtitles	English
01-12-2009 December 1 World AIDS Day, Budapest	
On the eve of World AIDS Day, the HCLU organized a demonstration in front of the Hungarian Ministry of Health to light candles in memory of the victims of AIDS. The demonstration was also to demand that the Ministry of Health and the National AIDS Commission fulfill their mandates as outlined by international documents and the National AIDS Strategy; and to communicate that the present favorable epidemiological situation should not be left to mere luck, but be the result of a well-planned and delivered strategy.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/en/hiv-aids-en/december-1-world-aids-day-video
Download link	
Subtitles	English
24-10-2009 HCLU Reports – on Homebirth	
In this part of the HCLU' reports series we dispel the myth about homebirth and call for its proper regulation in Hungary as assisting homebirth in Hungary is still not regulated and considered a crime, even though giving birth at home is a constitutional right.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/betegjog/otthonaszules
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?wkmdwenzzt2
Subtitles	None
7-09-2009 “They cant mislead us anymore”	
László Kállai from the Roma Civil Rights Organization went on a one week long walk protest, after which he gave a petition to the prime minister against the segregation of romani children in schools. This video was made on the press conference.	
URLs	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQYl6hytdpc
Download link	http://www.mediafire.com/?mjhjmjjvncm
Subtitles	English
30-07-2009 1956 vs. Prosecutor General's Office	
A court film in which HCLU's lawyer wins the case against the Prosecutor General's Office. The Prosecutor General's Office denied access to a researcher into the files of the prosecutors of the 1956 revolution's retaliation.	
URLs	www.tasz.hu/hirek/1956-vs-legfobb-ugyeszseg-mar-targyalasrol-keszult-videoval
Download link	
Subtitles	None
01-07-2009 Sober people don't talk about a drug-free world	
Video from the press conference at the UN Society in Budapest on the World Day Against Drugs in 2009.	
URLs	http://tasz.hu/ensztarsasag http://drogriporter.hu/ensztarsasag
Download link	
Subtitles	English

28-06-2009 17 films for the Legal Defence Bureau for National and Ethnic Minorities (NEKI) – online version and DVD

We have produced an introduction film for NEKI, and a film on their testing method - in this method a person belonging to an ethnic group (mostly Roma) and a non ethnic person applies for the same job or goes to the same pub to test whether discrimination happens or not. In the DVD package and on the YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/massagalapitvany> there are 15 additional films. 9 case studies on discrimination and 6 explanations of terms, like discrimination, aggrieved party, compensation etc. or explanations on what to do if you have been a subject to discrimination.

URLs <http://www.youtube.com/user/massagalapitvany>

Download link <http://tinyurl.com/yaudvyk>

Subtitles None

14-05-2009 Weedpolicy

Video on the drug policy debate with politicians organized by HCLU at Sirály.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/fupolitika> <http://drogriporter.hu/fupolitika>

Download link <http://www.mediafire.com/?mdcjnz3q2jd>

Subtitles None

21-04-2009 HCLU Reports - On how to deal with the denial of holocaust

In the new HCLU Reports series we are explaining our position on certain issues very briefly and in an easily understandable manner.

URLs <http://tasz.hu/holokauszttagadas>

Download link

Subtitles

