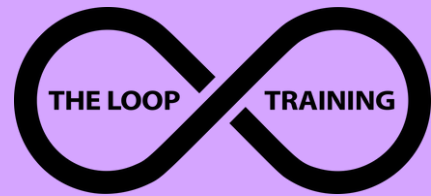


TRAINING BROCHURE 2024



The Loop is a drug checking and harm reduction charity which has pioneered the development and delivery of drug checking services in the UK since 2012.

The Loop has won 10 awards, published over a dozen peer reviewed journal articles in the past 3 years & was included in the Royal Society for Public Health's list of the Top 20 public health achievements of the 21st century.



The Loop was the first charity to receive a home office license for regular city centre drug checking. With over a decade of experience, our training is informed by the latest trends and drug market knowledge.

The Loop works alongside or has provided training and consultancy on the reduction of drug related harm to a broad range of stakeholders, including:

- **Local Authorities**
- **Police forces**
- **Police and Crime Commissioners**
- **Substance use services**
- **Universities**
- **Charities**
- **Organisations working in the hospitality and events industry**



To find out more about our training, including what bespoke options are available, email training@wearetheloop.org

THE LOOP'S TRAINING

The Loop offers a number of training courses relating to **drug use, harm reduction, drug markets** and **drug alerts**, with a specialism in reducing drug related harm in the **night-time economy**. Our courses can be delivered **face to face** or **remotely** and can range from **one hour seminars** to large audiences, to **half day** and **one day workshops** and **bespoke** courses to smaller groups. All our training is interactive and our trainers have **front line understanding** and **experience** in relation to drugs awareness and harm reduction, drawing on **professional training, teaching and coaching qualifications** and many years of experience in delivery.



“The Loop delivered a fantastic training course that was tailored to our festival, but gave real insight into broader industry and cultural trends and challenges.

The trainers were extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the field of harm reduction strategy, and we really benefited from their expertise.”

Katt Lingard, Event Manager, Terminal V Festival

Our Courses

There may be options for training subsidies, depending on your organisation's size, the area you work in and what training you are looking for. Please email training@wearetheloop.org to find out more.

DRUGS AWARENESS

This training course introduces delegates to the field of legal and illegal drugs, what the latest evidence shows about current drug markets, and explores the most commonly used recreational drugs, such as cocaine, MDMA and ketamine, what their effects are, the desired benefits and risks and how those risks can be reduced. It uses "The Drugs Wheel" to enable attendees to categorise and explore further the different types of drugs.

Ideal for:	Festivals, outdoor events, nightclubs, hospitality, drugs services, universities, local authorities, police forces, emergency services.
Length:	Half day
Delivered:	In person or remote
Cost:	£500 + VAT (+ expenses if in person)

RESPONDING TO DRUG USE IN THE NIGHT TIME ECONOMY OR AT MUSIC FESTIVALS & OUTDOOR EVENTS

This training course begins by covering the Drugs Awareness course in the morning. In the afternoon, the course looks at the legislation surrounding drugs in the UK as well as the role of your staff in reducing the likelihood of people coming to drug-related harm. The course finishes with case studies which work through the considerations for your organisation in responding to a drug-related incident. This course can also be adapted to look at specific considerations for the outdoor events industry, including music festivals.

Ideal for:	Festivals, outdoor events, nightclubs, hospitality, universities, local authorities, drug services.
Length:	Full Day
Delivered:	In person preferred but can be remote.
Cost:	£1000 + VAT (+ expenses if in person)



DRINK SPIKING & DRUG FACILITATED SEXUAL ASSAULT

This course takes an evidence-based look at the topic of drink spiking and wider links between alcohol and other drug use and sexual violence. The course looks what data there is on spiking, as well as the limitations of the current evidence base. It also considers the main drugs associated with spiking, such as alcohol, GHB, benzodiazepines and ketamine. Finally, the course looks at the role of the media and societal factors in some of the waves in reported cases in recent years.

Ideal for:	Festivals, outdoor events, nightclubs, hospitality, universities, local authorities, drug services, police forces, emergency services.
Length:	Half day
Delivered:	In person or remote
Cost:	£500 + VAT (+ expenses if in person)

HARM REDUCTION

The Loop's Harm Reduction course begins by looking at what a harm reduction approach is, as well as its history and development in the United Kingdom. It then focuses on drug-related issues that are likely to emerge in your place of work, and identifies what harm reduction approaches can be taken to help keep people safe. The course uses case studies to identify particular high risk situations, and can provide additional material on responding to drug-related emergencies.

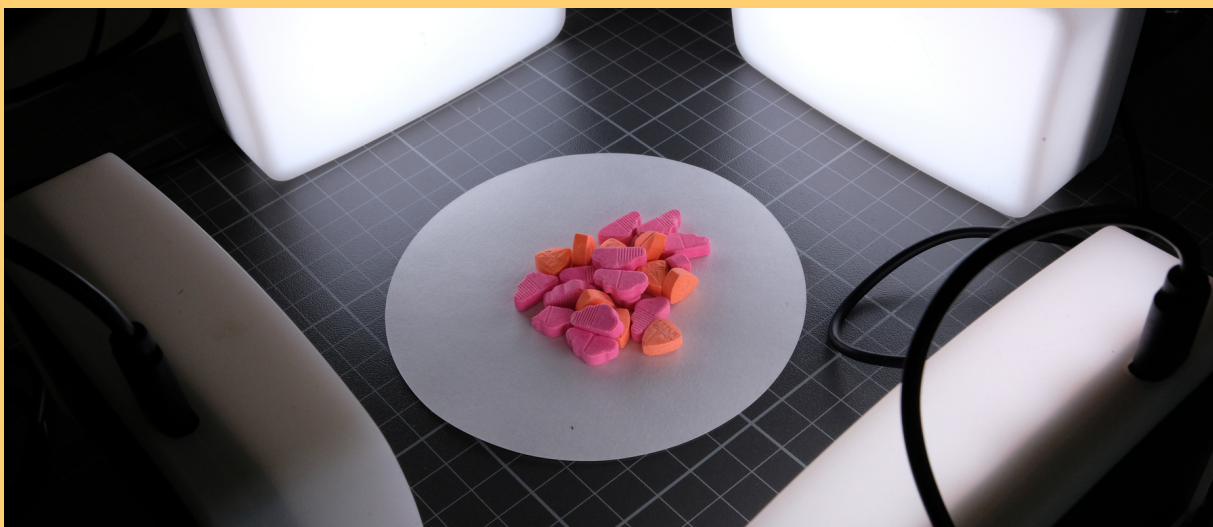
Ideal for:	Festivals, outdoor events, nightclubs, hospitality, universities, local authorities, drug services, police forces, emergency services.
Length:	Half day
Delivered:	In person or remote
Cost:	£500 + VAT (+ expenses if in person)



DRUG ALERTS, HARM REDUCTION MESSAGING AND THE MEDIA

Over the past 6 years The Loop has issued 50 drug alerts and engaged in numerous drug safety and harm reduction campaigns in the national press, some of which are on our website. Issuing drug safety information or drug alerts is a difficult art – slight errors in wording or omissions of important information may risk doing more harm than good. This course takes delegates through some of the considerations when communicating drug-related information. It is best suited to those who already have a good understanding of drug use and organisations who may issue a drug alert or risk communication to drug users.

Ideal for:	Any person or organisation who issues drug alerts or risk reduction information to drug users, especially relevant for police forces, drug services and public health departments.
Length:	Half day or full day.
Delivered:	In person or remote
Cost:	£500 + VAT (+ expenses if in person) if half day, £1000 + VAT (+ expenses if in person) if full day.



CHEMSEX & SEXUALISED DRUG USE

This course introduces the concept of 'chemsex', as well as sexualised drug use more generally, and looks at why people take part in it. The course looks at some of the drugs most commonly associated with it, as well as drug taking behaviours, before concluding by looking at what harm reduction responses can be used to support chemsex participants.

Ideal for:	This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn about chemsex including those working in universities, public health, NHS, drugs services, the events industry and anywhere else where sex and drug use intersect.
Length:	Half day.
Delivered:	In person or remote
Cost:	£500 + VAT (+ expenses if in person) if half day

DRUG MARKETS & LATEST TRENDS

This course updates participants with the latest trends in drug markets, including price, purity and prevalence of commonly taken drugs. Informed by The Loop's testing, this course educates participants in the latest market information.

Ideal for:	Anyone wanting up to date info on drugs markets.
Length:	Half day.
Delivered:	In person or remote
Cost:	£500 + VAT (+ expenses if in person)

BESPOKE TRAINING

The Loop can offer bespoke training for your organisation. All of our courses can be adapted to look at the particular drug-related issues you and your staff wish to learn more about, delivered by our team of qualified trainers, educators and coaches. For all enquiries about bespoke training, email us and we will be happy to assist you: training@wearetheloop.org.

SCHOOLS

The Loop offers specialist workshops, training and talks in schools. These can be adapted to whatever issues you want your staff or pupils to learn more about, including adopting a harm reduction approach to drug use, and staying safe in leisure locations, nightlife spaces and music festivals.

EVENTBRITE ONLINE SESSIONS

The Loop often run sessions on Eventbrite, where individuals can buy tickets for our courses. This option is ideal for freelancers, or people seeking career development. [This link takes you to our Eventbrite page, with our latest courses on.](#)

GET IN TOUCH

For questions, queries or bookings, get in contact with us and we will be happy to organise a call to discuss through delivering a training programme that is right for your organisation:

training@wearetheloop.org

