



WOMXN
TAKE
DRUGS
DEAL WITH IT!

NI RACISME
NI
COLONIALISME

NI UNX
MENYS

NADA SOBRE
NOSOTRXS
SIN NOSOTRXS

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Drug Policy and Harm Reduction strategies in Catalonia

Late 80s Spain had the highest prevalence of HIV in Europe, and Barcelona had the second highest mortality rate of any city in Europe. Main cause of death of the population between 15–35 years old: AIDS and Accidental Heroin Overdose

- 1984 **IGIA Group**. Interdisciplinary team proposing a public health approach incorporating harm reduction.
- 1986 **First Methadone Maintenance Program (MMP)** in a public treatment center with direct access, without the need for referral from primary care.
- 1991 **First Cannabis Association** and **first Syringe Exchange Program (PIJ)**.
- 1997 **Roundtable of Agreements for a Consensual Drug Policy in Catalonia** (Committee of Agreements for a Consensual Drug Policy in Catalonia). Consensus among all political parties recognizing that harm reduction strategies are valid and that they should be adopted with a community approach.
- 1997 **Energy Control**. First substance analysis program. **First PIJ in prison**.
- 2001 **First Supervised Consumption Room**.
- 2017 **Metzineres**, first exclusive space for women and non-binary gender people who use drugs surviving multiple situations of violence that incorporates space for consumption accompanied by all types of substances.
- 2020 **ORI La Galena**. First residential resource that incorporates supervised consumption spaces and alcohol maintenance program.
- 2023 **Ular Rosario Endrinal**. Housing First program exclusively for womxn, where drug use is permitted in their private space and support is available when needed.
- 2024 **Casa Marianne Rights Space**. Legal support for women who use drugs and are affected by criminalization.



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XARXA DE DONES QUE USEN DROGUES



Metzineres is an innovative, and daring non-profit cooperative providing sheltered environments exclusively for womxn*, that focus on human rights, gender mainstreaming, and which cover a full spectrum of harm reduction approaches.

With both a holistic and individualized framework, Metzineres emphasizes the uniqueness of each womxn and each situation. Access into Metzineres is immediate, with widely flexible responses that take into consideration individual expectations, concerns, interests and needs.

Supported by local community strategies, and the social and solidarity-based economy, the Metzineres model aims to be one that provides consistency, is reliable, pragmatic, cost effective, and one in which each womxn plays a central role.



Genuine
Creativity



Radical
Tenderness



Collective
Resilience



Rogue
Courage



Activism of
Care



Complicity
and Mutual
Support



Anti-
prohibitionist
Commitment



Evidence-based
Transdisciplinarity



Transformative
Passion

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluating

The responsibility to generate genuine, accurate and updated information makes us provide non-intrusive research tools, respectful of privacy, confidentiality and anonymity.

- The right to privacy is taken care of.
- We avoid prerequisites of initial interviews.
- Respect for each woman's pace in sharing information about intimate experiences, such as consumption practices, health conditions or social, family and sentimental ties. It is the women who decide what and when to express their biographies.



This method of monitoring and evaluation is applied as a routine process, rather than a singular finality, allowing us to assess the availability, coverage, quality, and relevance of the interventions.

By applying rigorous reviews and pragmatic decision-making, Metzineres is able to constantly reconfigure their actions to the places and populations where it intends to have an impact.

Metzineres welcomes all womxn by forming and adapting compassionate responses to their complex and changing realities.

Rather than creating an exhaustive and exclusive list of entry criteria, emphasis is placed on reaching those facing multiple, simultaneous, and interconnected social variables that shape their experience and existence

601 womxn engaged
Between 45 and 55 daily visits

- Cis: 470 (78%)
- Trans: 109 (18%)
- Non-binary & gender fluid: 22 (4%)



Polyconsumption predominates



	CURRENT USE	RELATED PROBLEMS
TOBACCO	89	37%
ALCOHOL	173	40%
ANTIPSYCHOTIC	32	25%
BENZODIACEPINE	69	41%
CANNABIS	156	19%
HEROINE	143	49%
METHADONE	41	34%
SPEEDBALL	55	49%
COCAINE	325	47%
METHAMPHETAMINE	139	30%
TROPICAMIDA	3	67%

100% of women arriving in Metzineres experience violence systematically and routinely.

DURING CHILDHOOD

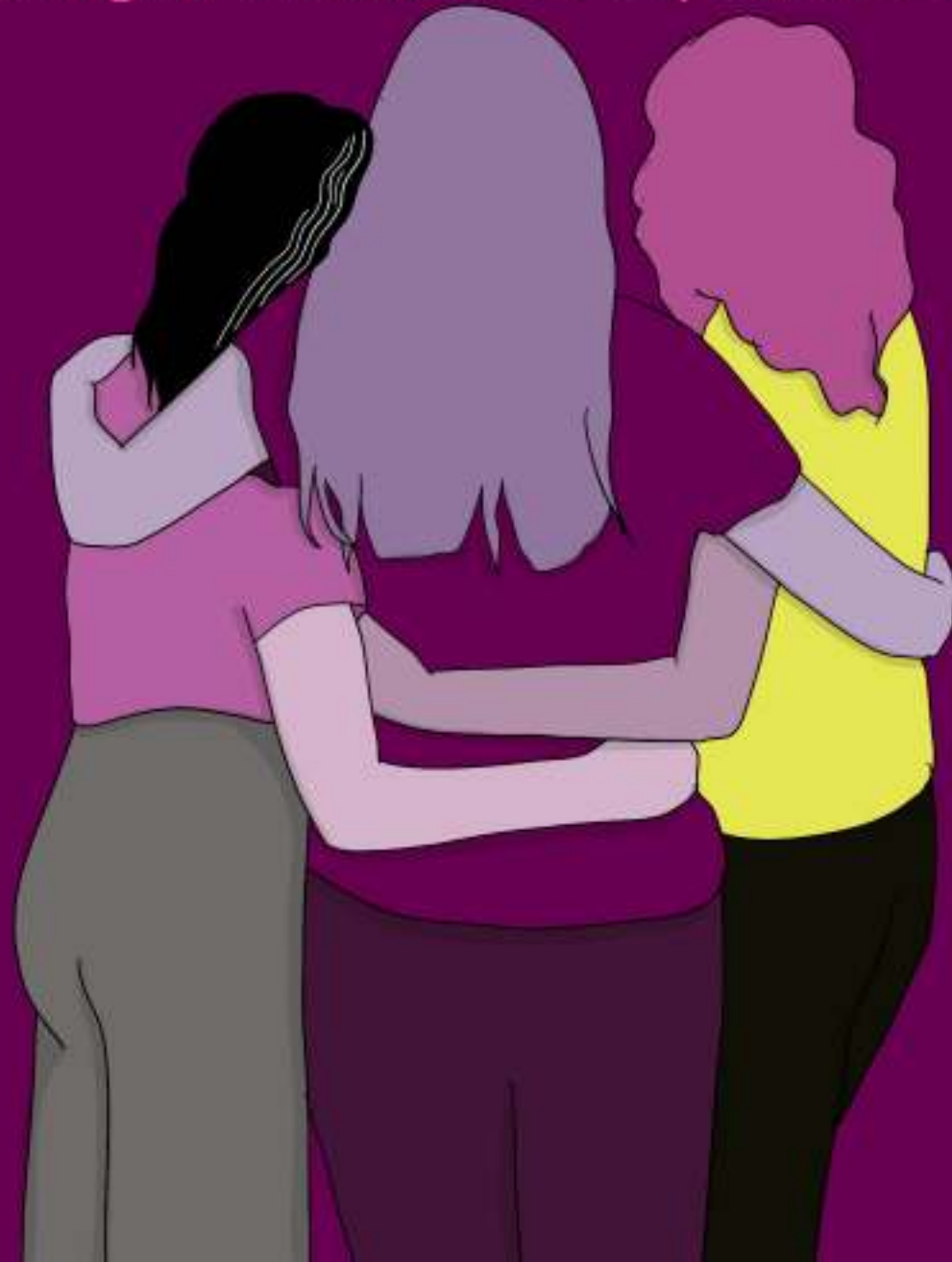
90 womxn

- Family circle: 72
- Nearby context: 19
- By strangers: 5

DURING ADULTHOOD

279 womxn

- Partner: 165
- Family Circle: 32
- Nearby context: 102
- By strangers: 112



INSTITUTIONAL AND/OR ESTRUCTURAL VIOLENCE

CRIMINALIZATION:

- Policial: 66
- Judicial System: 45
- Penitentiary: 30

SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE

- Health Care: 53
- Social Care: 48
- Others: 20

- To seek person-centered approaches, based on the freedom of (re)definition, individual agency, empowerment, and the improvement of personal well-being.
- Reduce barriers and improve access and adherence to care networks through diversified, comprehensive, appropriate, affordable, easy-to-navigate, and high-quality resources and services for womxn.
- Support the central role of womxn in influencing the establishment, development, and transformation of public policies and eventual actions that shape their lives.
- Reduce prejudice, stigma, and discrimination against people who use drugs, specifically womxn, while actively advocating for their rights.



Our Community Hub





**WOMXN
SURVIVING
THE WAR
ON DRUGS**

Melissara



Espai Marianne, Our Rights Hub

Since September '24



It aims to reduce the multiple barriers to accessing the justice system

- 223 Legal advisory services
- 192 Coordination
- 95 Legal accompaniment
- 63 Visits to penitentiary centers
- 47 Administrative Proceedings
- 39 Reports to courts
- 33 Appeals
- 12 Legal representation

20 Alternative Measures to Incarceration

7 Alternative Measures to Sanction



Building Community



Research, Training, Consulting, Networking,
Cross-border Mutual Accompaniment



L'Arravalera, a Feminist antiprohibitionist Hub



Santa Jordina 2025

FEMINIST ANTIPROHIBITIONIST BOOK FAIR

Carrer Lluna 20 . 11:00 - 20:00 h

11:00 - 20:0 h

Live Broadcast from MetziRàdio

**Feminist Anti-Prohibitionist
Book Fair participants:**

Libreria Muscaria
Iceers
Mandragora
Kit safe
Revista Ulises
El Lokal
Prole.
La web sense nom
Metzineres



13:30 h

L'Arravalera takes the stage

14:00 h

El Raval and Struggles from the Margins

With Janet Mérida from Putes Llibertàries del Raval, Vidda Priego from Torna Paral·lel, and Iñaki Garcia from El Lokal

16:00 h

Drugs and Counterculture: Stories of Subversion and Delirium

With Canti Casanova from WebsenseNom, Felipe Borralho from Makoki, and Xavi Vidal from Ulises – Revista de Viajes Interiores

18:00 h

Sex Workers, Drugs, and Other Deadly Sins

With Livia Motterle, author of I had a heart, and Sara López and Aura Roig from Metzineres



Technical and Political Advocacy

International Cooperation



Metzineres approach model is pioneering and has been recognized as good practice at local, national and international level

