



City of Amsterdam

Developing an Amsterdam policy framework on dance events

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About 165 dance event permits (2015)



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× Thousands of indoor events in regular venues





Mum of tragic Ecstasy teen who died after New Year's Eve dance event in Glasgow: 'Lee was a good boy, he'd never done drugs in his life'



VIVIENNE KELLY tells of her heartbreak after her 19-year-old business student son died in Hogmanay tragedy.



Six people have died at Time Warp Argentina in Buenos Aires.

Originally reported by the *BBC* Saturday, the death toll has since risen to six, according to the *Buenos Aires Herald*. All six deaths, and four critical hospitalizations, are suspected to from drug overdoses, and the Coast Guard and the Unit Against Drug Trafficking are currently investigating.

There were also reports from attendees of overcrowding and poor ventilation, with one stating "it was too hot and there were too many people," and another adding "we couldn't breathe."



Some stakeholders





10 years of discussion

What took us so long?

- Bridge differences in interests
- Agree on responsibilities
- Determine our basic principles
- Clarify on terms we use
- Agree on joint monitoring and enforcement
(based on a checklist)



Policy framework on dance events

2009: starting point “Dance events are drug free”

2015: final policy framework:

“Drugs should not be part of dance events. We strive for drug-free parties”

"We are committed to reducing (health) risks linked to the use of recreational drugs at dance parties.“

2016: **rules for clubs** hosting dance events

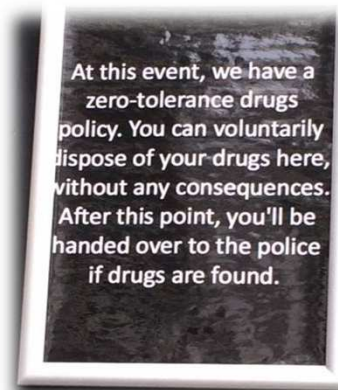


Mind shift

Repression



Regulating and prevention





Party organizers responsibilities (1)

Law enforcement



- Security search at the entrance (by private security companies)
- Surveillance at the event site

No drugs allowed:

- Drugs are confiscated
- Person will be **removed** from the event site
- And handed over to the police (if the amount of drugs is prosecutable)



Party organizers responsibilities (2)

Harm reduction

Set up **professional First Aid** at the event site (including observation room); Advanced Life Support level



Consult First Aid officers before security removes an (apparently) intoxicated person from the event site





Party organizers responsibilities

- Establish a “**chill-out**” (a place to rest and cool down)
- Monitor **temperature and humidity**
- Provide **free drinking water**
- Raise awareness /**inform** visitors



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