

Effective Safer Nightlife Collaborations

Wednesday May 29, 2013 – 11:30am

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- Largest city in Canada
- 2.6 million people
- Over 200 ethnic origins
- Diverse and vibrant mix of restaurants, bars and clubs
- Designated Entertainment District



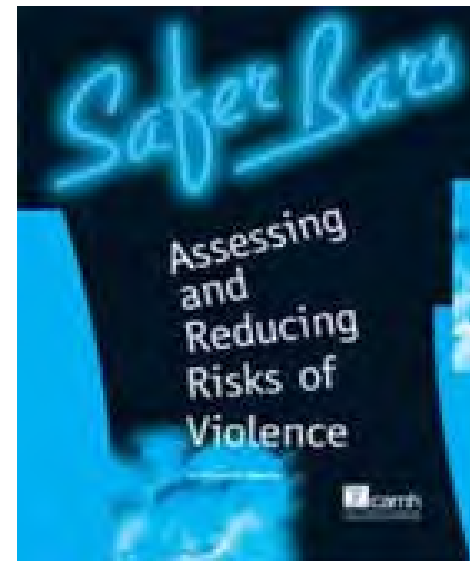
- Toronto Drug Strategy initiative.
- Mandate: Develop strategies to prevent violence and other harms related to substance use in nightlife community.
- Main audiences:
 - youth
 - bar/club owners and staff
 - security
 - promoters



- Toronto Drug Strategy Secretariat (Chair)
- Toronto Public Health
- Community Safety Secretariat, City of Toronto
- Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario
- Centre for Addiction & Mental Health
- TRIP! youth harm reduction program
- Asian Community AIDS Services
- Entertainment District BIA
- Parkdale Village BIA
- Club + Security Company Owner

- Promoting the CAMH Safer Bars program.
- Workshops for licenced establishments on developing policies for staff and patrons.

“I found this workshop to be very informative and can definitely use this information in our establishment.”

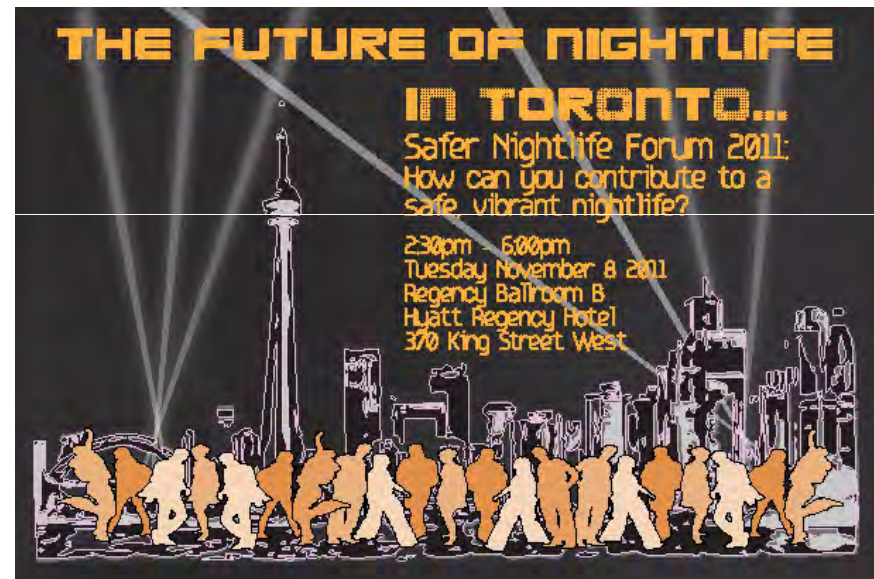


- Collaborative project with TRIP! as lead.
- Asked youth about health & safety issues:
 - pre-drinking is common
 - youth use harm reduction strategies
 - physical/sexual assault, mistreatment by security and other staff
 - no access to free water, poor treatment if ill
 - good practices include free water, chill out and medic rooms, etc.



Future of Nightlife in Toronto

- Forum for youth and bar/club operators/staff.
- Diverse speakers.
- Interactive discussion:
 - harm reduction
 - sexual assault
 - pre-drinking
 - illicit drug use



“These forums need to continue so options for nightlife participants and bar owners can improve.”

Protect Yourself, Protect Your Customers

- Forum targeted to bar owners, staff and security.
- Focus on illicit drug use:
 - current trends
 - signs & effects
 - relevant laws
 - overdose prevention
 - security strategies

**PROTECT YOURSELF
PROTECT YOUR CUSTOMERS**

Do you know about research chemicals and other club drugs?

Do you know how to respond to an overdose, or what your liability is under the LLA?


Learn about illicit drug use in Toronto's nightlife scene, and strategies you can use to protect yourself and your customers.

**Wednesday November 28, 2012
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Hoxton, 69 Bathurst Street**

This free, interactive forum for bar owners, staff and security includes speakers from:

- Licenced Security Company
- AGCO
- TRIP! Youth Outreach
- Toronto Public Health
- Ontario Pharmacists Association

No registration required. For more information: drugstrategy@toronto.ca



This event brought to you by the Toronto Safer Nightlife Committee comprised of youth, TRIP!, Toronto Public Health, the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario, the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health, Asian Community AIDS Services, the Entertainment District Business Improvement Area, Social Development, Finance & Administration, Municipal Licensing & Standards and a Toronto business owner.

“How can we make patrons more liable for their own actions?”

Key learnings

- Multi-sectoral collaboration – stakeholders that typically don't work together.
- Municipal health leadership.
- Prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement lens.
- Identifying/building on areas of common ground.
- Engaging the industry is challenging.



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