

Who are we?

Mainline is an Amsterdam-based non-profit NGO with work in the Netherlands as well as in various other countries. Our mission is to promote the health and fulfill the human rights of people who use drugs (PWUD), without a primary focus on the reduction of drug use and with respect for the individual user's freedom of choice and capabilities. Find out more about our mission, vision and objectives [here](#).

The assignment

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 interrelated goals set out by the United Nations in 2015. These global goals cover a wide range of social development issues such as poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, and social justice.

Harm reduction refers to policies, programmes and practices that aim to reduce the harms associated with the use of psychoactive drugs in people unable or unwilling to stop. The defining features are the focus on the prevention of harm, rather than on the prevention of drug use itself, and the focus on people who continue to use drugs. Traditionally harm reduction has focused on preventing HIV transmission, but it's currently understood to also include safeguarding the human rights and promoting the well-being of PWUD.

This assignment aims to assess how implementation of a broad harm reduction package can contribute to achieving specific targets and indicators under the SDGs.

What we're looking for

- A Master student in Public Health, Social Policy or related field of study;
- Someone with a serious interest in drugs and related drug or health policy, and who is supportive of the harm reduction approach;
- An independent, curious and open-minded personality;
- Someone with the interest to create a useful product that will make a real contribution to Mainline's work, in addition to a quality research report in line with your University's requirements.

What we're offering

- A 32 hour contract (in consultation) with a modest internship compensation;
- A dynamic, informal and vibrant working environment;
- The opportunity to gain working experience at an international NGO;
- Room to explore own ideas and initiatives;
- An educative environment where contact with PWUD and their lives are central;

Want to apply?

Please send your motivation and CV to Joost Breeksema via j.breeksema@mainline.nl before January 10, 2018.