Recommendations to the environmental movement¹⁴⁸

Acknowledge the problem

Share this report with your networks. Learn about drug policy and the impacts of current drug policies on human rights, public health, sustainable development, indigenous communities and the environment.

Start an honest dialogue...

within your organisation and with other allied groups, without fear or stigma, on the links between current drug policy and environmental and climate justice. Ease your colleagues into this subject by identifying where your work intersects with themes in this report. How might the people you work with as well as the places they seek to protect be at risk from current drug policies?

Invite drug policy activists and advocates into the environmental space

This is an opportunity for mutual learning and capacity building between our two movements. We need your support to bring drug policy reform to international conference spaces, like the annual United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We need drug policy reform to be introduced within grassroot organising. Invite us to your meetings, conferences and events.¹⁴⁹

Integrate drug policy reform into the climate agenda

Join The International Coalition for Drugs Policy Reform and Environmental Justice to strengthen the allyship between our two movements. Begin to include narratives around prohibition as a driver of environmental destruction and a barrier to much needed climate mitigation and adaptation in your work and analysis. Work up to calling out prohibition, by doing so you will be shouldering some of the risk and sharing some of the labour often left to environmental defenders.

Be part of designing new legal regulatory drug systems...

to complement ongoing action on the environment and climate justice. We need your expertise in ensuring all new reforms to this trade protect indigenous communities, nature and are aligned with sustainable agricultural practices. We can not reform this multi billion dollar global trade without your experience. We need solidarity.