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**[EVENT] THE MUSEUM OF DRUG POLICY IS COMING TO LONDON**

*The internationally acclaimed pop-up arts and cultural hub will be open from November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>*

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 (London) - The Museum of Drug Policy is a pop-up arts and cultural hub featuring live programming and art from around the world, highlighting how drug policies impact and shape our communities. The Museum will make its third stop on its global tour on Tanner Street, near London Bridge, for three days in early November.

The Museum provides a powerful, emotional experience that illustrates the harms caused by drug prohibition, and advocates for new approaches rooted in dignity, health, and human rights. It will transport audiences across the globe, pushing visitors to think and act outside the box through interactive installations, powerful documentary photos, multimedia displays, and more.

Release, the UK's centre of expertise on drugs and drugs law, will be hosting the Museum as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We have been providing free non-judgmental, specialist advice and information to the public and professionals on issues related to drug use and drug laws since 1967. We will also be celebrating Release's own work and history alongside the Museum.

Alongside the exhibition, panels and interactive workshops themed under three overarching categories will take place:

- **Gender, sexuality, and criminalisation:** this will address specific issues faced by women, LGBTI communities, and sex workers.
- **Policing poverty:** addressing the policing of drugs as a form of social control, the racial disparity that exists in stop and search, and the sentencing of drug offences – with a focus on poverty as a driver of surveillance by the State.
- **Creative activism:** how do we use art and creativity to push for social change?

Release will be hosting film screenings in the space, and the [Sex Workers Opera](#) will perform live at the venue on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> November. More specific details on the artwork and programming will soon be available.

All exhibitions and events are open to the public for free, and will take place in a stunning and atmospheric warehouse space – provided by [Ugly Duck](#) – located between London Bridge and Bermondsey tube stations.

**WHAT:** Museum of Drug Policy

**WHERE:** 47-49 Tanner Street, London, SE1 3PL

**WHEN:** November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**LINK:** [www.release.org.uk/museum-of-drug-policy](http://www.release.org.uk/museum-of-drug-policy)

The [Museum of Drug Policy](#), which was first launched in New York City in April 2016, is supported by the [Open Society Foundations](#). All events are free and open to the public.

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