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WILD Collaborative Harm Reduction Association is a peerled and peer-run harm reduction team helping to keep people safe this summer. Learn more about this organization and the support they provide at outdoor concerts and festivals here.

Do you ever wonder...

Why can't I use the word addict? What is harm reduction? Why can't people just stop using?

These are some examples of questions you might want to ask our Peer Project Coordinator, email Beth for her perspective.



Ask our Peer **Project Coordinator**

Members of the Youth Action Team at Belmont Secondary School have been recognized by Island Health for its innovation and dedication. They have been honored with our Youth Harm Reduction Award. Find out more here.



Youth Harm Reduction Award



Take Home Naloxone **Reporting has** Changed

CHANGES TO THN KIT DISTRIBUTION REPORTING

THN sites will no longer need to capture and submit monthly reporting on the distribution of THN kits using the distribution record. Reporting will take place annually using a new, simplified system outlined here.



Harm Reduction Team Changes

We are excited that the month of May saw the return of Harm Reduction Coordinators (HRC), Tracey Thompson and Sheena Campbell to their regional positions. We are thrilled Kayla Huggard is now in a permanent position as a South Island HRC. Our team is supported by our Manager <u>Jessica Huston</u> and will soon grow to have a clinical nurse educator in August. We will have a new Central Island HRC as Jenn Diamond is now in the role of the Sexual Health Manager. **Congratulations Jenn!!**

Questions? Contact harmreduction@islandhealth.ca