



VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

64TH COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND)

Social and Emotional Learning for prevention of drug use,
Violence and mental health: Needs and lessons learned in the context of COVID19
and its aftermath

Main organizer Lions Club International Foundation

Co-organizers UNODC

Thursday. 15 APRIL

14:10-15:00 CET

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Concept note

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills in youth reinforces mental resilience, and emotional well-being. These are key and critical protective factors for healthy development and substance use prevention. Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence is an evidence based SEL tool demonstrated to be effective in preventing substance use, promoting positive mental health as well as reducing violence and promoting positive school environments for better educational attainment.

The COVID19 pandemic carried a direct effect on the stress and mental health of students, teachers and parents making such SEL packages more timely than ever. On the other hand, it made application of such programmes in schools (especially through interruptions in teaching curriculum, distance learning and beyond) difficult to implement.

This event aims to highlight the lessons learned during the pandemic and the youth-centered practices and strategies put forward by the UNODC-Lions Club partnership to deal with current and upcoming challenges, despite impediments.

Opening remarks by

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Andrés Finguerut

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Presentations on field experiences from

SEL in the context of COVID19

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Experience SEL adaptation online

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Perspectives and practices from Croatia on the value and implementation of Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence

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SEL and drug use and violence prevention and its value in the context of COVID19

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Closing remarks