



*VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT*

# 64<sup>TH</sup> 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

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**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

### Gudrun Yngvadottir

LCIF Chairperson

### Andrés Finguerut

Chief, Drug Prevention and Health Branch (DHB)  
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## Presentations on field experiences from

### SEL in the context of COVID19

Matthew Kiefer

Manager, Lions Quest Educational Programs  
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Kimberly (Anderson) Kasper

Education Program Specialist, Lions Quest  
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### Experience SEL adaptation online

Fernando Salazar Silva, Ph.D.

Profesor Principal Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia  
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### Perspectives and practices from Croatia on the value and implementation of Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence

Ms. Iva Ramljak, mag. paed. soc.

Teacher at Primary School Kralj Tomislav  
Našice, Croatia

Petar Keglević

8th Grader at Primary School Kralj Tomislav  
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### SEL and drug use and violence prevention and its value in the context of COVID19

Wadih Maalouf, PhD MPH

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Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section Drug Prevention and Health Branch  
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### Closing remarks