VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

64TH COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND)


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 reinforce 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 COVID-19 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)  
UNODC

**Presentations on field experiences from**

- **SEL in the context of COVID19**  
  Matthew Kiefer  
  Manager, Lions Quest Educational Programs  
  Lions Club International Foundation

- **Experience SEL adaptation online**  
  Fernando Salazar Silva, Ph.D.  
  Profesor Principal Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia  
  Peru

- **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

- **SEL and drug use and violence prevention and its value in the context of COVID19**  
  Wadih Maalouf, PhD MPH  
  Global Programme Coordinator  
  Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section Drug Prevention and Health Branch  
  UNODC

- **Closing remarks**