

# **Elaine Hyshka**

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Professor Hyshka is a health services and policy researcher focused on reducing the health, social, and economic costs of substance misuse.

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## **Biography**

I am an applied health services and policy researcher focused on advancing a public health approach to substance misuse by: (1) evaluating novel interventions designed to reduce the health, social, and economic costs of drug and alcohol misuse; (2) analyzing drug policy; and (3) examining health inequities and service barriers faced by socially marginalized populations experiencing drug or alcohol problems. My research is conducted in partnership with several local, provincial, and national-level service providers, policymakers, and public health advocacy organizations.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Harm Reduction, Opioids, Cannabis, Drug Policy, Substance misuse, Overdose prevention, Supervised consumption services, Illegal drugs, Drug Use and Abuse, Public Health and Health Services, Naloxone, Syringe distribution, Supervised injection sites

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## **Event Appearances**

**Implementing harm reduction services in acute care: Patient and healthcare provider experiences**  
Canadian Research Initiative on Substance Misuse Prairie Node Annual General Meeting

**Western Canada's opioid overdose epidemic: The urgent need for better public health response**  
2nd National Charting the Future of Drug Policy in Canada conference

**Substance use, health, and homelessness in Edmonton's inner city**  
Council of Western Financial, Logistical and Operational Personnel

**Using research to leverage local and provincial drug policy change**  
Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and conducted as an ancillary event to the Canadian Association of HIV Research annual conference

**On the limits of conventional approaches to evidence-based public health policymaking: The case of supervised injection services**  
National Core for Neuroethics

**The science of harm reduction**  
Canadian Academy of Health Sciences? Forum and Annual General Meeting

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## **Education**

**University of Alberta**

Ph.D. Health Promotion and Socio-behavioural Sciences

**University of Toronto**

M.A. Sociology

**University of Toronto**

Certification Collaborative Program in Addiction Studies

**University of Alberta**

B.A. Sociology

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## **Accomplishments**

**Avenue Magazine's Top 40 Under 40 Award**

2016 Annual award honouring Edmontonians under 40 years of age who are excelling professionally, and making important contributions to the community.

**Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship**

Doctoral graduate scholarship (2014 - 2015)

**Dorothy J Killam Memorial Graduate Prize**

2014 Graduate prize recognizing outstanding doctoral students at the University of Alberta.

**Alberta Innovates: Health Solutions Studentship**

2011-2015 Provincial doctoral graduate scholarship.

**Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship, Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

2010 - 2013 Federal doctoral graduate scholarship.

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