STREET SUPPORT PROJECT

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GOAL:
TO OFFER SERVICE PROVIDERS, ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH TOOLS AND MODELS OF GOOD PRACTICE, RESULTING ON EFFECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND/OR DRUGS/ALCOHOL USERS

DRUG & ALCOHOL RELATED NUISANCE IS AN IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUE IN CITIES. INTERVENTIONS ARE LIMITED AND MAINLY BASED ON REPRESSIVE AND SACTIONARY ACTS

CONSEQUENCE:
PUBLIC SPACES ARE LOSING ITS PUBLIC FUNCTION.
MARGINALIZED GROUPS ARE BEING BANNED FROM PUBLIC SPACE.
FURTHER EXCLUSION & IMPACT ON THEIR WELL-BEING
EXCLUSIONARY SPACE MAKING PRACTICES

GENTRIFICATION
Blurriying public - private space.
Regulation & control based on the rights of private ownership

SECURITIZATION
“Anti-social behaviour” agenda.
Rhetorics of ‘disorder’ & ‘illegality’

SANITIZATION
‘Disneyfication’ of urban space
Rhetorics of ‘disease projected on marginalized communities’

BODIES THAT AROUSE FEELINGS OF FEAR, DISGUST, RAGE, GUILT, OR EVEN DISCOMFORT, ARE CONTROLLED, MADE DISPOSABLE AND TARGETED FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SPACE
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<td>Removes possibility of non-compliance</td>
<td>Secures behaviour change via the threat of ‘deprivations’</td>
<td>Incentivizes behaviour change via the use/promise of an exchange of gains or losses</td>
<td>Promotes behaviour change via persuasion (use of speech or other symbols) or ‘nudge’ (modification of ‘framing’ of a decision) to shape beliefs and behaviours</td>
<td>No active/deliberate attempt made to promote behaviour change</td>
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### Problematizing Some Approaches to Inclusion:

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<td>Labour market conflated with social exclusion</td>
<td>Only concern is getting people ‘over the line’</td>
<td>Assumes socially excluded population as passive, or no agency</td>
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<td>Avoids broader discussions on labour rights</td>
<td>Lack logic for ‘doing more’</td>
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<td>Inclusion = acceptance of dominant values and norms</td>
<td>Constraints complex realities. Redenders some groups ‘invisible’</td>
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TOWARDS A ‘MORE INCLUSIVE’ MODEL OF INCLUSION:

**PARTICIPATORY INCLUSION**
Representation is not enough. The need to bring marginalized communities into the centre of social life

**OPEN ENDED INCLUSION**
Moving from understanding [not] being included as a result towards “relationships of inclusion and exclusion”.

Inclusion as an ongoing, never ending process. Degrees of inclusion.

**MULTIDIMENSIONAL INCLUSION**
Inclusive practices in all spaces and levels, from the micro to the macro.

**CONTEXTUAL INCLUSION**
Local responses

Analyse and deconstruct specific exclusionary practices, histories, institutions & social structures

**INTERSECTIONAL INCLUSION**
Takes into consideration all the complexity of our identities.

Acknowledges that marginalized communities are excluded by multiple sources, mechanisms and systems.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. ENSURE THAT SUPPORT SERVICES FOLLOW HARM-REDUCTION APPROACHES.

2. SUPPORT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE & ACCESSIBLE AS LONG HOURS AS POSSIBLE. EFFECTIVE DISCHARGE PROTOCOLS.

3. INVESTING IN BALANCED & INTEGRATED SERVICES.

4. MULTIAGENCY INTERVENTIONS. PROFESSIONALS UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX & INTERDEPENDENT NEEDS OF THEIR CLIENTS.

5. PEER INVOLVEMENT.

6. EVIDENCE BASED POLICIES

7. PUBLIC OPINION IS KEY
THANK YOU!

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