

Year end report- REDUN

This year we got our own office space in Nelson. Attendance at meetings has varied from a couple people to full capacity depending on the week. We have started outdoor meetings with the nicer weather. We have been doing weekly outreach/ community clean ups with peers. In Trail, we have been meeting at the united church bi-weekly. Attendance and participation is always great in Trail.

Successes:

- Hired new project coordinator and 3 peer coordinators for redun in Nelson, Trail And Grand forks.
- REDUN has started an art project with Ryall and Selkirk College. Selkirk students are making a website that peers in Nelson and Trail can put their art on to be showcased/ sold. Art supplies are being provided.
- REDUN, along with moms stop the harm and other community members in Trail have put forward the Moms stop the harm resolution to city hall asking that the city put pressure on the federal government to declare a nation wide opioid crisis. Nelson REDUN is in the planning phase of taking this resolution to city hall.
- REDUN did the April 14th day of action demonstration in Trail and Nelson. Peers were involved in making the signage as well as the demonstration.
- We have done much advocacy and referrals with our members from doctors appointments, ER visits, Safe supply, housing applications, banking/ tax, pivot, etc
- REDUN staff have started the Gabor Mate healing trauma and addiction course.
- Many REDUN peers have participated in surveys, fentanyl task force meetings, IH peer advisory meetings, BCYADWS election meetings.
- REDUN has had street college do educational events.
- REDUN did a full day peer training with Vikki Reynolds
- REDUN has been checking in on the encampment in Trail and purchased \$600 worth of urgently needed supplies for the occupants.
- We got a huge amount of art supplies donated from the community.
- Outreach/ community clean ups have been really successful. We have a committed crew of peers who take part in this each week. We have made some great community connections and were able to provide a bit of education.
- The community access hub has done consultation with REDUN about aspects of the new space opening up.
- We have been working on our policy.
- I really feel like REDUN is starting to get a bit recognized for the work that we do
- The NDP donated \$900 towards our weekly outreach in Nelson
- We put up a Christmas tree memorial downtown
- REDUN made and served Christmas dinner

Challenges:

- I feel it would be amazing to have the REDUN have some drop in hours to have the extra time to connect
- Being so far away from Grand Forks makes it hard to connect and support people the way they need.
- With 8 hours a week to work, the coordinators are limited to what they can do, and do some of their work on their own time

-Getting consistent participation at Nelson meetings.