

Dear [Name],

As you may be aware, International Overdose Awareness Day activities are held in communities around the world every year on August 31st. This year we invite you to join us in **[insert details of event]**.

The number of registered activities world-wide has grown from 747 in 2018 to 874 in 2019, and 2020 promises to be even bigger.

International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths and remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury due to drug overdose. It is also an opportunity to stimulate discussion about evidence-based overdose prevention and drug policy.

This day offers all who have been affected by overdose a chance to publicly mourn and help the wider community learn about drug overdose. More details about International Overdose Awareness Day are available at <https://www.overdoseday.com/>.

If you can’t make our event this year but would still like to be involved there are plenty of other ways to support International Overdose Awareness Day. We encourage you to:

* Wear a badge, wristband or lanyard, which can be ordered online at <https://www.overdoseday.com/shop/>;
* Raise awareness through social media using this year’s hashtags #OverdoseAware and #EndOverdose; and
* Spread the word through your networks to other organisations and individuals who may be interested in our event.

Best wishes for International Overdose Awareness Day 2020.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

*International Overdose Awareness Day is organised by Melbourne-based organisation Penington Institute (www.penington.org.au) - email:* *info@overdoseday.com.au*