

Dekontaminace Magazine: An Informational and Educational Medium for Active Drug Users



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SUMMARY: *The article is based on the experience with the publishing of the Dekontaminace magazine, which is focused on active problem drug users. This magazine has been issued since 1996 by the Sananim Outreach Programmes. The article presents our experience of working with this magazine and is intended to provoke discussion about suitable forms of printed information materials for active drug users. Dekontaminace is a full-colour magazine using rather non-scientific language and comic, funny, or even brutal editing features. It has been found that this form of the magazine can address a wider range of drug users. At present we are preparing a web portal, www.edekontaminace.cz, which will allow information and educational materials to be shared among services for drug users in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.*

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