



## **Dr. Daniel Bear**

Dr. Daniel Bear is a drugs policy researcher, with more than 15 years of experience conducting research on a variety of drug policy issues including, prevention, drugs education effectiveness, medical cannabis use, police enforcement of drugs laws, and policy responses to emerging drug issues. His research has involved everything from working with terminally ill patients as they grew an acre of medical cannabis in the hills above Santa Cruz, California, to spending a year alongside police in London as they conducted anti-drugs operations.

He worked with the American Civil Liberties Union to reform drug laws and has advised NGOs working with the Colombian National Police to institute democratic policing reforms.

In addition to his drugs focused work Dr. Bear has advised the UK's Ministry of Justice on reducing violence in prisons, and served as a member of the Ontario Parole Board. In his most recent research Dr. Bear conducted work to understand how young people are making decisions about how and when to consume cannabis.

Throughout his research Dr. Bear has looked at how responses to drug issues impact both the targeted groups and the organizations and agents tasked with implementing the responses. Dr. Bear holds a Masters and PhD in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and is a Professor in the Faculty of Social and Community Services at Humber College in Toronto.