Research case: FixStern Hamburg

Fixstern in Hamburg, Germany

In April 2002 I visited one of Hamburg's 7-8 public injection rooms. Fixstern offers a totally anonymous possibility to smoke or inject illegal drugs under calm, surveyed and controlled circumstances. At the wish of a visitor they are offered counseling with a social worker, nurse, doctor or psychologist. They is a cafe with affordable food as well as different social activities. They have app. 64,000 visits pr. year and have never had an OD that caused death in their 6 years of working.



The Entrance of FixStern in Hamburg.



David, nurse at FixStern.



The injection room; metal table, tile-covered floor and walls.



Washing room.



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Counseling room.



The drug smoking room with ventilation.



Equipment for resuscitation at OD



Café and waiting room.



FixStern's café