

Penny Hill

Harm Reduction Australia

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Candidate for:

Deputy Secretary

Penny Hill is the current Deputy Secretary of the VNGOC having served in the position since 2019. My motivations to continue on the Board include my enthusiasm to: continue working on and supporting the VNGOC Asia-Pacific ad-hoc Working Group and the Asia-Pacific Common Position; continue working to ensure meaningful participation of civil society in drug-related UN sessions; and to continue to work with all current VNGOC members to find common ground and support the work of civil society globally. I also strive to expand the membership of the VNGOC to less-represented subgroups and regions, including Pacific Island nations and Indigenous-led organisations.

I possess strong experience in various work, volunteer and study roles that have provided me with the necessary skills to contribute to the work of the VNGOC Board: I hold postgraduate degrees in Public Health and International Development, and am currently completing my PhD investigating the impact of health service utilisation on opioid overdose. I am the current Board member of Harm Reduction Victoria, Harm Reduction Australia, and the regional representative for Oceania on IDPC's Member's Advisory Council.