

**Beyond symbolic boundaries between  
people who use illicit drugs?**

**From research to action, change and  
social movement(s)**

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A photograph of two men in black suits, each holding a glass sphere over their face. The spheres are held up to their eyes, making them appear as if they are looking through them. The background is a simple room with a clock and a framed picture on the wall.

**WHO ARE YOU?**



***“While the boundary defines the group it is the narrative that defines the boundary”***

**Copes, 2016: 209**







**Photographer Unknown**

***“I honestly didn’t see myself as that bad because there was people that were worse than me, that were doing harder drugs that had more impact.”***

**Interview with Nate, Lancaster, Santana, Madden & Ritter, 2015: 162**



***“I find it kind of interesting. We’ve got a room full of opiate users here, and you’re, ‘Oh no, ‘ice’ is bad’ [...] Well why?”***

**(Focus group with injecting drug users, Lancaster, et al., 2015: 228)**





**Building a Movement  
for Reason,  
Compassion and Justice**

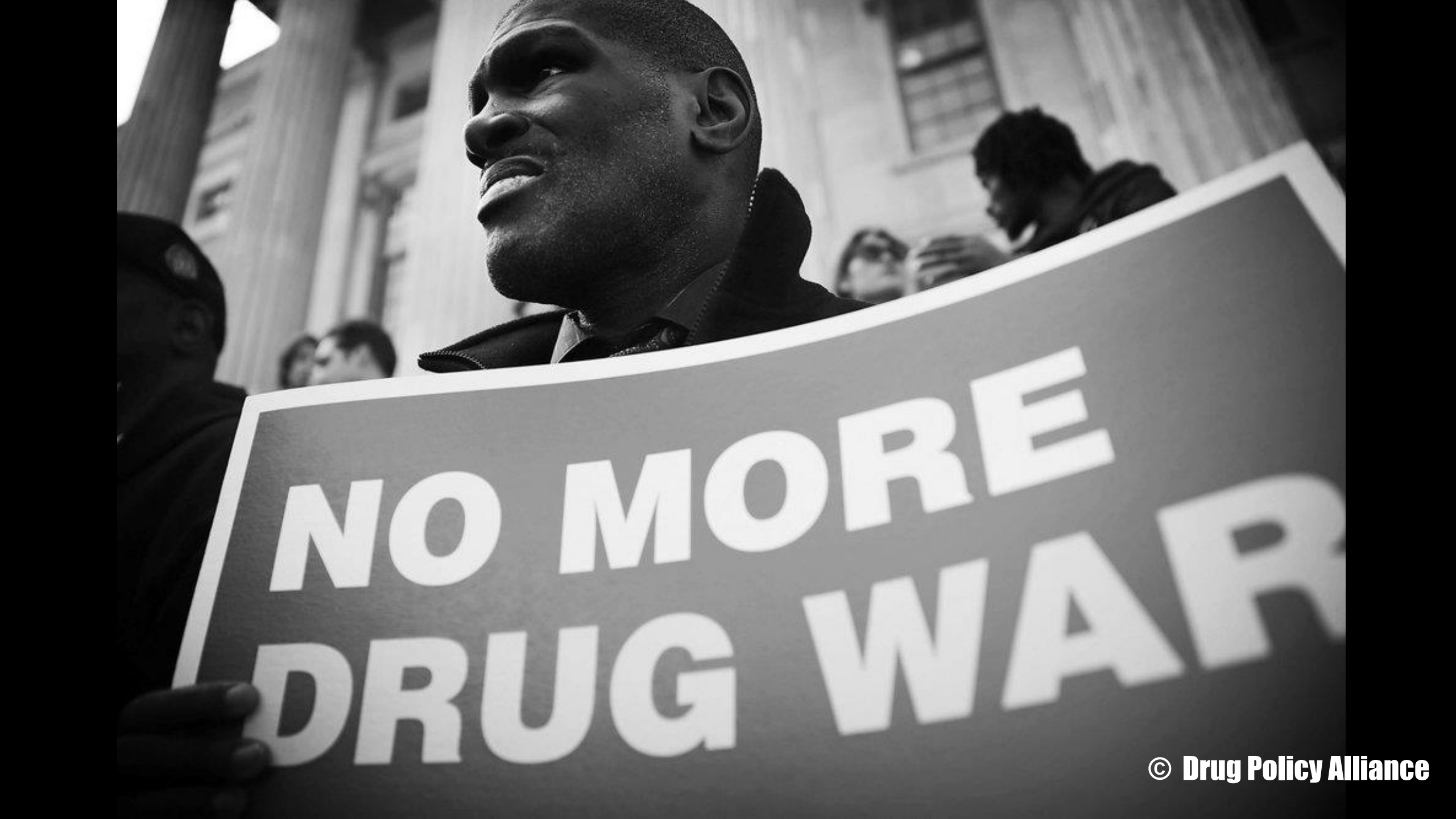
THE 2005 INTERNATIONAL  
**DRUG POLICY REFORM  
CONFERENCE**

**November 10-12, 2005  
Long Beach, CA**

HOSTED BY  
**DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE**

*Reason. Compassion. Justice.*

**We are  
the Drug  
Policy  
Alliance.**

A black and white photograph of a man at a protest. He is looking upwards and to the left with a serious expression. He is holding a large sign that reads "NO MORE DRUG WAR" in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. The background shows other people and a building with columns, suggesting an outdoor public gathering.

**NO MORE  
DRUG WAR**

**CRITICAL PARTICIPATORY**

**ACTION RESEARCH**

***“Movement results from  
living within the paradox”***

**Smith & Berg, 1997: 215**

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