

Downtown Business Improvement Association to fund the relaunch of the Good Night Out Granville Street Team

Granville Street Safety Program will start again this Friday, June 1st

VANCOUVER, BC / May 31st, 2018 —Good Night Out (GNO) Vancouver today announced the re-launch of their Granville Street Team, which has been on hiatus since November.

Beginning this weekend, the Good Night Out Street Team will resume its work to help increase the sense of safety of vulnerable people participating in the nightlife economy on Granville St. The Street Team is made up of four individuals who will maintain a visible presence along Granville St. on Friday and Saturday nights from midnight until 3:30AM, engage with patrons in the public realm, and support vulnerable patrons during peak hours.

The project ran as a pilot in the Fall, the findings of which were shared with [City Council earlier this month](#). At that same meeting, Mayor Robertson put forth a motion that the City work with Good Night Out to secure a collaborative funding model to support the street team on a permanent basis. As a result of this motion, the DV BIA agreed to support programming, allowing for outreach to start ahead of summer while the City explores funding options for the program.

During the pilot, the team connected with over 300 people, and offered services such as:

- assisting vulnerable patrons to access public transit or taxis;
- liaising with licensed establishments to help ensure the safety of vulnerable patrons during closing egress;
- Supporting over –intoxicated people
- Acting as a host to help increase the sense of safety in the GED
- Sharing information about nightlife safety and harm reduction;
- helping patrons charge phones for safety reasons.

The Team works in close collaboration with licensed venues, security staff, and business owners to prioritize all patrons and public safety and has consulted with the Vancouver Police Department. The team is made up of skilled people with diverse backgrounds and a skillset that includes non-violence communication, first aid and overdose management / naloxone training. They are highly visible with peach T-shirts and matching peach backpacks.

GNO's mandate is to increase patron safety in nightlife all over Vancouver, especially the safety of women and the LGBT2Q community. GNO was founded out of an awareness there are certain factors present in urban nightlife that can contribute to these populations feeling unsafe. The GNO Nightlife Street Team is a proactive approach to increasing patron and public safety within the Granville Entertainment District. The program received accolades from Amsterdam night mayor Mirik Milan on his recent visit to Vancouver.

About Good Night Out Vancouver

Adapted from the campaign in London, Good Night Out Vancouver launched in 2015 and is coordinated by Stacey Forrester and Ashtyn Bevan. Good Night Out is an independent team of regional organizers passionate about making nights out safer for all. We work in partnership with councils, music festivals, licensing teams, women's groups and charities across the globe to deliver training, consultation and support. Our work in Vancouver has been featured on [Global News](#), City TV, The Vancouver Observer, The Province, [CBC](#) and other [local](#) and [international](#) media.

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