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Prevention through drug education

Rising Drug Use and Misuse in UK Teens: What students don't know about drugs may harm them

The facts of growing drug use and abuse in teenagers and younger children are hard to digest but true.

According to a [recent report from the BBC](#), surveys suggest that "Britain's teenagers are amongst the highest drug-users and drinkers in Europe." The BBC reports that according to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, two in five 15-year-olds in the UK have tried cannabis. This number is higher than anywhere else in Europe. The UK has also the joint highest number of young cocaine users, alongside Spain."

According to the government's [Statistics on Drug Misuse; England 2017](#), "The prevalence of drug use increased with age. 6 per cent of 11 year olds said they had tried drugs at least once, compared with 24 per cent of 15 year olds."

With rising statistics like this it is no wonder that schools are looking for assistance to tackle possible and actual drug use and abuse in students. The UK charity, Narconon Drug Education, is working directly with teachers, parents and students to help prevention through education.

Adolescents are given false information about drugs which can get passed from person to person, weaving its way into society. Ideas such as "Just one tablet can't hurt" and "marijuana is harmless" are simply not true. Healthy teenagers and young adults have died after taking just one tablet and long-term use of marijuana can lead to memory loss, psychosis, respiratory and immune system problems.

Give your pupils one of Narconon's "The Truth About Drugs" sessions. Each session lasts approximately 1 hour and is conducted by CRB-checked drug prevention specialists. Narconon specialists have since 2007 reached over 250,000 students and teachers directly with "Narconon's The Truth About Drugs" Talks. - We have delivered over 4,310 talks in well over a 1,000 schools.

[The Office of National Statistics last full report](#) on deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales in 2016 revealed the highest number of drug-related deaths since 1993. 2,593 people died in 2016 from drug misuse. How many of them could have been saved with proper prevention through education? Could your students benefit from knowing the facts about drugs?

You are invited to watch this introductory film - <http://vimeo.com/narconondrugeducation/> Please also give me a call if you have any questions or would like more information.

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Students turn into adults provided they make it to adulthood. Drugs can prevent this so at Narconon we aim to educate students so they can make informed decisions when peer pressure to try drugs strikes.

Here are some testimonials from students and teachers:

“I was amazed by the talk.”

“I think the talk was very good and will help me in life.”

“Thank you very much for your support.”

“It was very good because now I will not take drugs.”

“Very informative and interesting.”

“It was excellent – pitched at the right level; engaging; and relevant. The children were motivated enough to ask questions and I’m sure they have all learned a lot.”

The children did not want to stop for lunch, they wanted the session to continue.”

“In life if someone tells me to take drugs. I will say no. “

“Very positive. The group initially was going to be small but we opened it up to our Yr 10 GCSE PE classes so there was around 60 students involved. Feedback from some of these students was that they found it very informative and listening to someone with experience rather than just teachers talking at them helped.”

“I thought that it was very interesting ideas for me as I never knew how powerful drugs could be. She also explained what it can do to you and how it damages your. She has experience with this so it is interesting to hear.”

“It gave me a whole new thought of drugs knowing that someone in front of me had had drugs. I’m a lot more aware.”

“It made me more aware and made me understand that I need to make the right decision.”

“I thought all drugs like heroin were to help you, but now I know most are POISON.”

“It really helped me understand why you shouldn’t take drugs and what it could do to you.”

“It really helped me learn why or why not to take drugs. He made it fun to learn about it and because it was fun I will remember it.”

“It helped me realise the effects and how bad it is and how it can affect you physically and mentally.”

“I will never take drugs.”

“It gave me an in depth insight of the drug marijuana.”

“I wasn’t planning on taking drugs in the first place, but this did re-assure me not to.”

“Really good and interesting as there was information I hadn’t heard before.”