



Inquiry into the Use of Cannabis in Victoria - Youth Forum

Discussion questions worksheet

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Discussion 1: How can we improve education about cannabis and other drugs in Victoria?

• Education should come from a harm-minimisation approach focusing on supporting yr to make informed decisions with knowledge available from relevant services. Schools should be equipped with information to support their students.

• YP feel like they're targeted.



Discussion 2: The impacts of cannabis use and how the Government can deliver better services.

Abuse Abuse vs use

• "normal" people still use Cannabis

"What can the government do"

• Mix of people not knowing services / stigma for accessing services.

• non-fear approach to education

• Funding harm minimisation approaches

• Distrust w/w ed system & those educated.

- "Talk honestly with GP's - accessible service"

Portugal main case study



Discussion 3: Cannabis and the law – how cannabis prohibition affects young people?

- Drug driving "Impairment test vs drug test"
- High policing in spaces YP hold
- "Everything illegal is desecrated"
- Prohibition has an impact on YP
- High policing in certain areas
- Can lead to distrust in the law

Education is the key to support YP in their decisions



Discussion 4: Should cannabis be decriminalised and/or legalised in Victoria?

removing fines but not available
regulate? tax?
Advertising?

I believe it should be legalised:

- regulate for age of buyer - same as alcohol/tobacco
- Taxes, Monetary gain to be put in public services
- Limited advertising - None for sport or tv
- Business opportunities, employment, Industry
- Govt supplies/ produces product
- Cannabis: pricing & quality to deter from illegal markets
- regulation based on studies
 - age
 - predisposition

Age - main issue

Is decriminalisation a step to legalisation?

Portugal with case study

Treated as a health issue

Discriminatory aspect to it.

Policying Pros: tax benefits Limitations: - Predisposition to MI

Decriminalisation w/o regulation can lead to harm - legalisation can prevent that.