



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?

- Respect wisdom and autonomy of children and adolescents - they all have the internet now, counter-productive to withhold information about drugs. Better to teach the whole picture of what we know - no moral panic.

- focus on *education* and responsible use, no scare campaign, respect autonomy



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

- doctors don't have enough education on cannabis, often want to try opioids and benzos before cannabis even if patients already use cannabis, dangerous to use street market cannabis over regulated medicinal plant.



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

prohibition doesn't help young people - doesn't prevent use, increases harm. In the case of problematic use, trouble with law causes unnecessary life challenges.



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

Yes - legalised

medicinal and recreational use both completely valid, safer than alcohol and tobacco, cannabis and cannabis products ~~take~~ need to be made with care and regulation - not enough to be decriminalised.

great variation in plants and potency etc.

advisable to draw evidence from different legalisation models in United States.