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From: Laurie Hamilton-Grundy <wordpress@wp.greens.org.au>
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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

Testing will Save Lives

Hi,

I've just completed my Bachelor Degree in Entertainment Management in Music and have been around recreational drug takers for quite a while at many different events such as Music Festivals, Music Venues/Clubs and House Parties. With everyone having their own decision on taking drugs or not at all, at all of these events. I think it would make a big difference if you could get drugs tested to see what is actually in the drug because then people might think twice about what they are about to consume into their body, also by testing different drugs the government has tested in the past. They could write up graphs of all the chemicals which are in these drugs and what side effects it will have on consumer in the future(kind of like a scare factor but the ACTUAL TRUTH). This could help the consumer realize how bad this thing they are taking is and could make them think twice, is it really worth it? for next 4-6 hours of enjoyment? If they do want to take the risk, then at least they know it is safe and this is what they will have to deal with in the future, if they decide to take the drug and what side effects it could have on their lives.

Furthermore, not only will it be tested, if the drug is safe, this will mean it will be a lot safer for consumers to take and the death toll/ overdoses could be eliminated and not so many overdoses will be happening at music events. Another thing, that could help eliminate this is when the drug is tested, the person testing the drug could explain how long this will last and how much is preferred to take so then consumer will not take more and will not overdose. This would be beneficial for everyone involved.

In other news, some of the sadder moments in the past with taking drugs. I have seen people have allergic reactions to pills, lose eyesight for several hours, fall into comas and had to call an ambulance (luckily enough the girl was survived), infected gums from chewing too much and blacking out and not remembering anything from the night, I am lucky enough that no immediate friends have lost their lives to drugs. Drugs are very common in music and it would help to make drugs safer if these testing we're in place.

I would be happy to talk more, if you would like to give me a call or contact me through my email address. I hope one day this is in place, seeing as it is already happening in other countries and is making a difference.

Cheers,

Laurie

-- Laurie Hamilton-Grundy


I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.