

THE FOUNDATION FOR A DRUG-FREE WORLD URGES GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE A STAND ON DRUG EDUCATION

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, June 26, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- To commemorate the June 26th International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, [Foundation for a Drug-Free World](#) held an international online conference entitled "[The Truth About Drugs](#): Preventive. Informative. Factual. Supporting Youth in Making Healthy Choices."

The Foundation brought together drug prevention experts speaking on why drug education is so important to the future of our children and presented a Call to Action to governments of Earth. Hundreds of educators, parents and community leaders from 30 countries attended.

Over the years, drug abuse among youth has worsen—in the United States, drug use of 8th graders increased 61% between 2016 and 2020, while one-in-eight teenagers reported having abused illicit substance in the last year.

To dramatically increase drug education, Foundation for a Drug-Free World issued a Call to Action to create a world free from drug addiction. This document is based on the "Convention on the Rights of the Child" published by the United Nations on 20 November 1989, whose Article 33 states:



Foundation for a Drug-Free World holds a "Training the Trainers" workshop in Los Angeles.



Foundation for a Drug-Free World trains officers from the Drug Enforcement Agency in the Philippines on the Truth About Drugs program.

“States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures, to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of such substances.”

This Call to Action calls upon government bodies and educators worldwide to reaffirm their collective commitment to the power of evidence-based prevention initiatives. And it urges individuals and groups to work with Foundation for a Drug-Free World and like-minded organizations of goodwill to develop, adopt, and apply effective teacher and student curricula to implement high quality, factual drug education in our schools and communities as part and parcel of any effective drug prevention strategy.

To embody this Call to Action, speakers, all of them experts in drug education, addressed the vital necessity of prevention and shared their personal experience. Dr. Greg Londot, international education specialist from Phoenix, Arizona, shared his use of The Truth About Drugs Education Package and heart-wrenching stories; Shane Varcoe, Executive Director of Dalgarno Institute—a growing public interest, community coalition focusing on alcohol and other drug issues and their impact on our society—talked about his alcohol and drug education projects across Australia; and [John Redman](#), Executive Director of the Community Alliances for Drug-Free Youth in San Diego—who swears by the Foundation's Truth About Drugs educational materials—stressed the importance of working together to unite against the drug epidemic.

In concluding the online event, Foundation for a Drug-Free World Executive Director Jessica Hochman said, “We all want to see these changes occur everywhere and we are pledging our unconditional support and assistance to make that happen.”

Foundation for a Drug-Free World has been active in drug prevention for over 15 years. It is proudly sponsored by the Church of Scientology and its members who provide the materials and program free of cost to educators and drug prevention advocates, schools, community groups, law enforcement and governmental institutions worldwide.

The webinar can be viewed on the Drug-Free World Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DrugFreeWorldInt.

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One would be hard-pressed to identify a societal ill more insidious and destructive than drug and substance abuse. Long recognized as a significant global problem that erodes not only the core of the individual, but the entire fabric of society, drug and substance abuse continues to weave its way into our daily lives.

The global toll exacted today by drug abuse is staggering. Around 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2021 while over 36 million people suffered drug use disorders (2021 *World Drug Report, UNODC*). Drug overdoses in the US alone now top 100,000 lives lost annually – more than the global total of all war deaths.

Drug and substance abuse is a deceptive trap with many entrance points: easy to fall into, but often excruciatingly difficult to get out of. “This will help,” “You’ll feel better,” “It’s not a big deal,” “It’s cool,” “Everyone is doing it,” “It’s harmless.” As any addict will attest to, these are lies.

Statistically, the most vulnerable age bracket for drug experimentation, with a higher likelihood of continuing addiction, is between the ages of 13 and 16: the same age bracket that is notorious for rejecting any didactic approach to making better choices.

The Foundation for a Drug-Free World (FDFW) provides the facts – without scare tactics – that empower youth to choose not to take drugs in the first place. When young people know the real truth about drugs, they can make informed decisions and become much less prone to becoming consumers. This is fact and not theory.

Ensuring that children know the truth about drugs is essential to fulfilling any pledge to protect our children from the harmful effects of illicit drugs. Our global responsibility to do so is outlined in Articles 3 and 33 of the *Convention of the Rights of the Child*, as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 November, 1989:

Article 3-1: In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

Article 33: States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of such substances.

Thus, in the wake of its 15th Anniversary, FDFW calls upon all governments, heads of state, policy- and law-makers, and educators worldwide:

- 1 To reaffirm, as individuals, members of our communities, and denizens of the world, our commitment to the power of fact-based education and evidence-based prevention initiatives in helping individuals and communities overcome the epidemic of drug and substance abuse, to lead healthy and fulfilling lives;
- 2 To acknowledge that the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based drug education strategies must be increased exponentially to provide factual information so youth and adults can make informed decisions concerning drugs and alcohol; and
- 3 That early intervention with proper education on the harmful effects of drugs and potentially dangerous substances is key to effective drug prevention strategies; and
- 4 To work with FDFW and like organizations of goodwill to develop, adopt, and apply effective teacher and student curricula to attain a high standard of factual drug education into our schools and communities as part and parcel of any effective drug prevention strategy.

MAY THIS BE THE CALL FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS OF EARTH, ALL EDUCATORS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PEOPLE OF GOODWILL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE AND COORDINATED ACTION TOWARDS CREATING A WORLD FREE FROM DRUG ADDICTION, WHEREIN OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES MAY FLOURISH AND REALIZE THEIR GOALS AND DREAMS.

Foundation for a Drug-Free World's Call to Action calls upon government bodies and educators worldwide to take effective and coordinated actions towards creating a drug-free world.

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23 June 2022

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Drug experts from around the world shared the importance of drug education during “The Truth About Drugs – Preventive. Informative. Factual. Supporting Youth in Making Healthy Choices” online event.

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