

## Drug-Free Czech Volunteers Fight Drug Abuse and Addiction With the Truth

The Czech chapter of Foundation for a Drug-Free World brings the truth about drugs to the country's youth.

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, February 22, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ --Volunteers of the Czech chapter of Foundation for a Drug-Free World are at the forefront of the "human rightsbased approach to drug policy" adopted by the Council of Europe under the leadership of the six-month Czech Presidency that ended December 31, 2022. The Council's drug policy emphasizes demand reduction as a crucial part of addressing the drug problem. And this has been the driving purpose of these Drug-Free World volunteers for the past two decades—to reduce demand by providing youth with the truth about drugs.

Much of what young people hear about drugs comes from those selling them. Reformed drug dealers confess they would have said anything to get others to buy drugs.

But providing the truth cuts through the pro-drug propaganda. You have only to look at the faces of youth attending Drug-Free World lectures to know that these volunteers are hitting home.



Czech volunteers reach out to youth with-drug education lectures.



Each June, Drug-Free Czech Republic cyclists race to save youth from the tragedy of drug abuse and addiction. Learn more on an episode of Voices for Humanity on the Scientology Network.

"As long as people think drugs are a matter of personal freedom and don't see the harm in them, they are willing to try them," says Vlastimil Špalek, chairman of Drug-Free Czech Republic. "And once they start using, they're soon addicted. It is not good enough just to tell young people not to get involved with drugs. You have to give them a way to get the facts themselves, come to their own conclusions, and make their own decisions about whether or not to get involved."

Each June, Špalek and his team cycle and run throughout their country on the Cyclo-Run for a Drug-Free Czech Republic to bring the truth about drugs to towns and cities throughout the country. In fact, 2023 marks the sports event's 20th anniversary. But the Drug-Free World volunteers are busy educating with the Foundation's Truth About Drugs materials throughout the year. Volunteers organize drug-education lectures in schools and the youth-friendly booklets and videos make an impact on the students. Špalek and his team are featured in an episode of "Voices for Humanity" on the Scientology Network.

A teacher from the town of Vsetin, who attended a Truth About Drugs presentation in her school, said that she never saw or heard such a simple, powerful and truthful lecture about drugs. "We learned a lot of new and interesting things. Finally, a program that makes sense." In response to one of the lectures, a student wrote, "Fascinating. I was captivated the whole time. And it was fun too."

According to the <u>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</u>, "Prevention strategies based on scientific evidence working with families, schools, and communities can ensure that children and youth, especially the most marginalized and poor, grow and stay healthy and safe into adulthood and old age. For every dollar spent on prevention, at least ten can be saved in future health, social and crime costs."

Noting the role substance abuse plays in the disintegration of the social fabric, Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "Research has demonstrated that the single most destructive element present in our current culture is drugs."

Foundation for a Drug-Free World was formed in 2006 to serve as the primary distributor of educational materials and to develop new materials to meet the challenge of continually changing drug trends. The Foundation has grown to a network of some 200 chapters around the world. Thanks to the support of the Church of Scientology and Scientologists, it provides the Truth About Drugs secular program and materials free of charge to drug educators worldwide.

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