



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?

less stigmatising, less scare tactics, honesty about Harm reduction-based substance use
More ~~open~~ ~~HRV~~ Education-styles, not all "just say no", access to evidence that is behind the education so that those who are curious can further look into the issues.

Not All substance use is problematic.



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

Promote

Alternate methods of consumption other than
Just smoking

Peer-based support services to discuss
health issues.

Look into how cannabis can help opioid ~~with~~
abuse/dependency

Fund cannabis Research + Educate GPs
on medicinal cannabis.

Destigmatize substance use w/ GPs so
patients feel comfortable providing this information



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

Cannabis consumption is a victimless crime. Disproportionately affects lower socioeconomic people.

RDTs are not effective - Presence vs impairment.
↳ only test for certain substances.

The legal status makes people apprehensive to seek help where/when it is needed.

can't be destigmatized when criminalised

sniffer dogs promote binge consumption



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

Cannabis should be legalised + Regulated

Cannabis advertising not okay

Victims of cannabis prohibition should receive priority access to business + employment opportunities in a cannabis industry

Cannabis advertising regulated like cigarettes.

↑ access to edibles + other alt. consumption methods

has to be financially competitive with the black market