

## Drug Prevention Programs Update

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of *Update* and congratulations to all for surviving another frantic term. This edition includes information on new resources, professional learning workshops and key websites.



**Tailoring drug education: online** is based on the resource, *Drug education in culturally diverse classrooms: alcohol and tobacco*. It provides four professional learning modules which focus on tailoring drug education activities or lessons so that they can be used in culturally diverse classrooms.

The aim of **Tailoring drug education: online** is to assist teachers to plan and implement tailored and effective drug education activities that are relevant to the needs of their students.

You can complete the modules independently or contact your drug education consultant for assistance.

<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/directorates/studequi/drugeduc/diverse/learncd/index.htm>

### School Drug Education Forums

The **L.E.A.D** resource provides support to schools to conduct successful drug education forums using peer participation strategies. The resource should be in your school by early July.

If you have any further inquiries please contact Stephanie O'Malley, Project Officer, Commonwealth Initiatives by telephone on 02 9266 8354 or by email at [stephanie.o'malley@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.o'malley@det.nsw.edu.au)



**The Critics' Choice** is again proving very popular.

The competition finishes at the end of Term 3, so hurry and get involved as every vote counts!

Send in your students' entry forms and we'll send you out acknowledgement stickers.

The resource is in your school now  
OR visit [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events)



MY VOTE COUNTED!

**This Term's hot site. Check it out!**

Be part of a **TOBACCO FREE OxyGeneration**. OxyGen is the only Australian website dedicated to informing young people about tobacco and its use in Australia.

OxyGen informs young people about the harmful effects and impacts of smoking, along with knowledge about the tobacco industry and its marketing strategies. Young people are encouraged to adopt and/or sustain a smoke free lifestyle.

The website is also a portal for teachers to access a large range of tobacco education resources and support materials.



[www.oxygen.org.au](http://www.oxygen.org.au)

To support schools intending to include cannabis education in Stage 3, professional learning workshops will be conducted in all NSW regions throughout Terms 3 and 4, 2006.

Region	Area	Date
Hunter/Central Coast	Singleton Gorokan	27 July 10 August
Illawarra & South East	Queanbeyan Batemans Bay Merimbula	13 September 14 September 19 October
New England	Armidale Moree	17 August 19 September
North Coast	Lismore	29 August
Northern Sydney	Terrey Hills	8 August
Sydney	Miranda Darlinghurst (SSP's)	6 September 2 November
South Western Sydney	Revesby Liverpool	23 August 24 October
Riverina	Griffith	26 October
Western NSW	Mudgee Bathurst	26 September 31 October
Western Sydney	Penrith Mt Druitt	21 September 16 November



More information is available from Paul Garufi, Program Officer - Cannabis Education, by telephone on 02 9244 5379 or by email [paul.garufi@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:paul.garufi@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Classroom tip – Using statistics**

Sometimes it seems like many young people are involved in using illicit drugs when the fact is that most young people haven't tried illicit drugs and never will.

Refer students to the 2004 National Drug Household survey.

- Graph the percentage of 12-19 year olds who have not used an illicit drug in the past 12 months.
- Graph the percentage of 12-19 year olds who have never used illicit drugs.

Discussion starters.

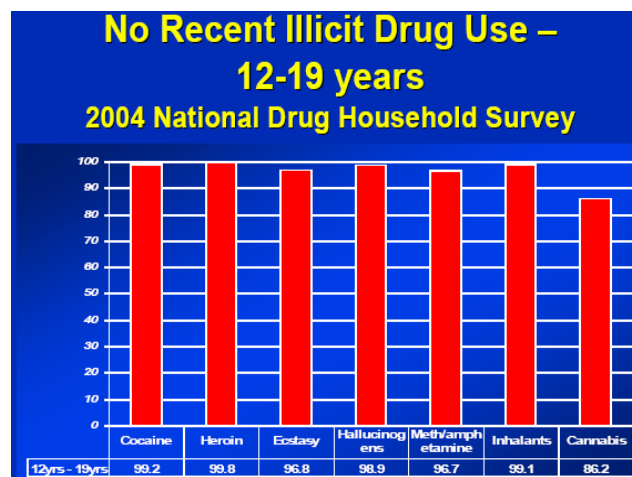
- How many students do not use these drugs?
- Was this what you expected? Why or why not?
- Why might people think that the percentage of drug use is higher than it actually is?

Now do the same with alcohol and tobacco!

Suggested websites:

2004 National Drug Household survey - [www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10122](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10122)

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre - <http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au>



**Tell us.....and get published!**

If you have any innovative teaching ideas, good resources or useful websites that we can share with others, please email details to [drug.prevention@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:drug.prevention@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Employment opportunities:** Information about drug education consultant positions and state office positions is available online at jobs@det ([www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs/Logon?Command=GoToHome](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs/Logon?Command=GoToHome)). For additional information please contact Tracey Cross at [tracey.cross@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tracey.cross@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone on 02 9244 5561.

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