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PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION E-NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Partners and fellow Advocates,

In this issue, we bring you updates of the latest news in November and our upcoming events next month. We also have some fun activities that you can take part in!

Email us at cnb_community_partnership@cnb.gov.sg if you have any feedback or questions on our PDE programmes and activities!



ADVOCACY / NCADA RETREAT



The National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) held an inaugural retreat on 19 November 2022 to kickstart the review of the Council's focus areas to drive drug-free advocacy.

As a citizens' advisory body to the Government on national anti-drug strategies and programmes in Singapore, NCADA works with CNB to jointly develop the Anti-Drug Abuse Advocacy (A3) Network of advocates who identify with, support and promote the drug-free cause.

Mr Sam Tee, Director CNB, was invited to share CNB's forward plans with Council members. Council members and Mr Tee discussed key challenges to the anti-drug mission, the need to intensify education and engagement efforts in Singapore, and the key role that anti-drug advocates play to achieve our common vision of a DrugFreeSG.

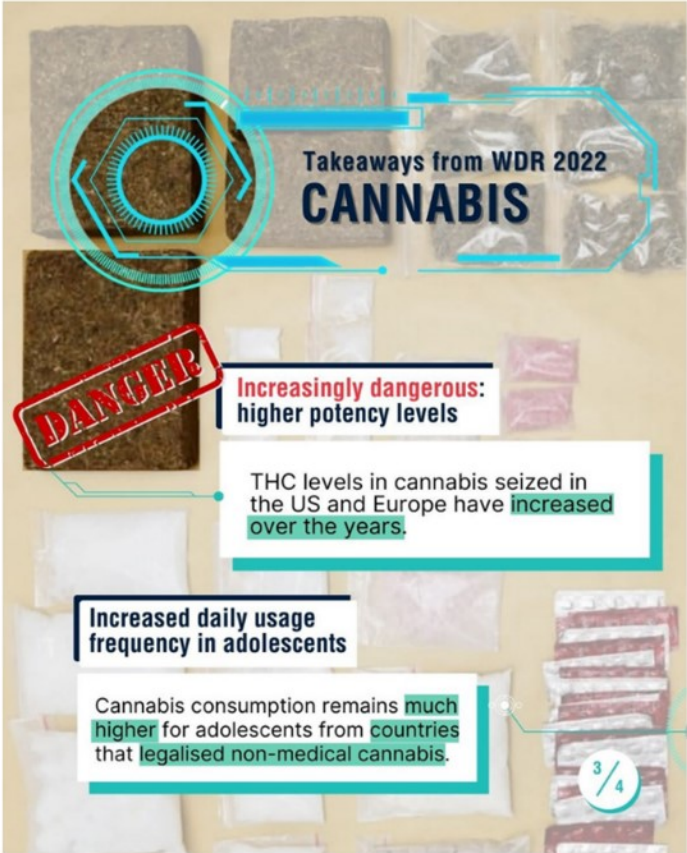
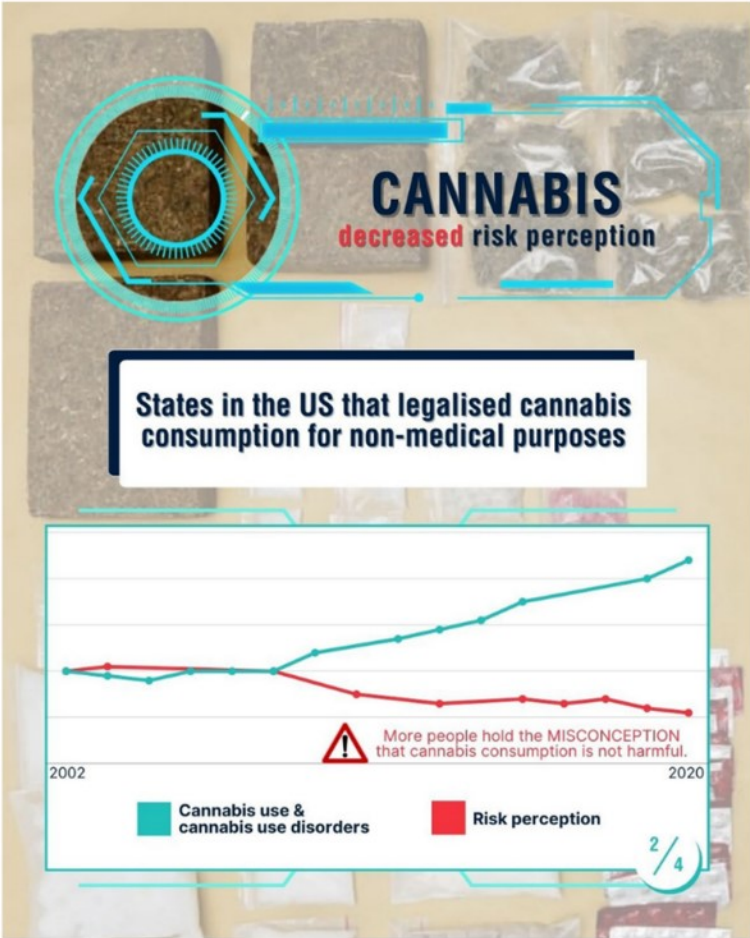
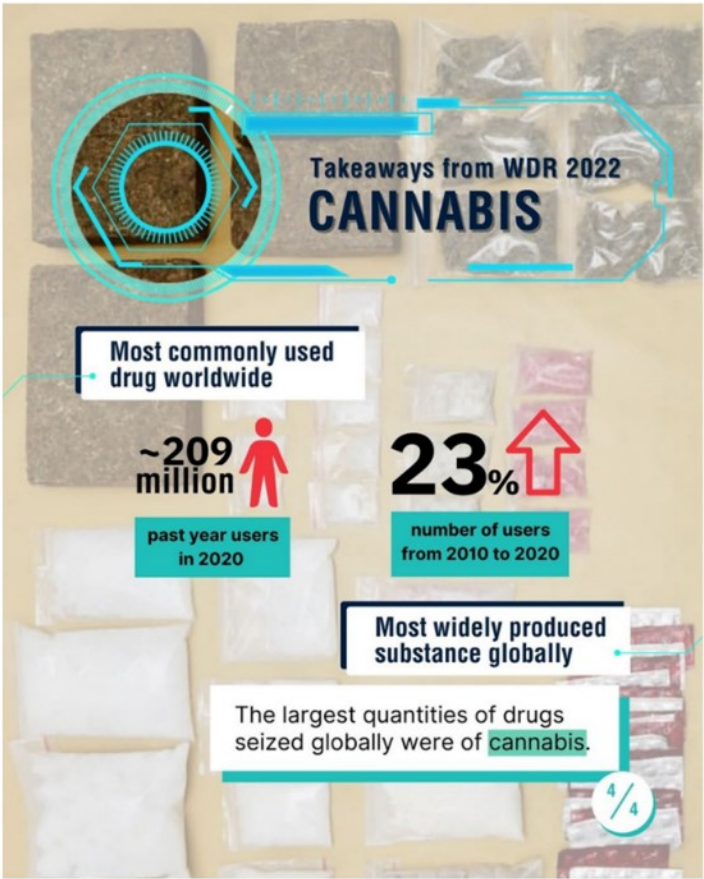


SCHOOL'S OUT
Fun's in!



Need an activity to engage your children while teaching them the importance of staying drug-free? Look no further - our PDE colouring sheet comes in 2 designs! Can you spot our familiar anti-drug icons and characters among the landmarks of Singapore?

If your preschool/organisation requires numerous copies or are interested in our other engagements for children, feel free to write in to us at CNB_Community_Partnership@cnb.gov.sg.



Scan here for the full report



<https://go.gov.sg/cnbundr2022>

ADVOCACY / COMMUNITY, SAFETY & SECURITY PROGRAMME EVENTS

Community roadshows are key touchpoints for CNB to engage the wider public at the community level. Members of public can get to interact with the CNB officers on the ground, learn about the harms of drugs and pick up useful drug prevention tips from the informative panels and mock drugs on display. Come find us at the following locations!



Event	Location	Date/Time
Youth Carnival 2022	Heartbeat@Bedok 11 Bedok North St 1 Singapore 469662	3 Dec 2022 10am – 2pm
Admiralty Community Engagement Day	Void Deck at BLK 582 Woodlands Dr 16 Singapore 730582	3 Dec 2022 5pm – 8pm
Naam Ras Kirtan Darbar	Singapore Expo Hall 5 1 Expo Dr Singapore 486041	23 – 26 Dec 2022 5pm – 10pm



ENHANCED FOCUS IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

In a media interview on 11 Nov, Director CNB Mr Sam Tee expressed his deep concern on the growing numbers of young people involved in drugs – not only in consumption, but even in trafficking. Dir CNB cited several factors that influence the growing liberal mindset of youths, such as the positive portrayal of drugs (particularly cannabis) on platforms like Netflix, ease of access in obtaining drugs via Telegram, and the legalisation of cannabis in neighbouring countries. Dir CNB emphasised the importance of educating youths on the harms of drugs and correcting misinformation, as well as the critical role that parents play in guiding their teenagers. CNB will double down on efforts to work with the education sector, and continue to engage parents and other key persons of influence to inculcate the right values in our young people.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR ANTI-DRUG ADVOCACY

It was reported in CNB’s Annual Statistics 2021 that teenagers and young adults below 30 years old make up 60 percent of new abusers. Similarly, NCADA’s National Drug Perception Survey 2019/20 has found that Singaporean youths perceive drugs to be less harmful and less addictive as compared to adults. This change in perception is influenced by multiple factors, such as those earlier stated. As efforts in preventive drug education step up, there should similarly be an amplification of voices to speak out against permissive attitudes towards drugs.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

“You can’t be neutral on a moving train.” – Howard Zinn

The changing mindsets towards drugs represents an ongoing challenge in keeping Singapore and our youth drug-free. Anti-drug education is not limited to parents or teachers. Each of us holds influence in our own circles – whether as a friend, colleague, or relative, and we can play a part in spreading the anti-drug message by initiating conversations on the matter at opportune times. This is important to do so, because people may find that despite being anti-drug themselves, they may be inadvertently enabling the growth of permissive mindsets by not speaking out against it or opting to remain neutral.

RESOURCES



NCADA National Drug Perception Survey 2019/20 (NCADA Annual Report 2020)



CNB Annual Statistics 2021



More young people under 20 in Singapore caught taking cannabis; CNB to step up engagement with parents



MHA UNIFORMED SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION OPEN NOW TILL 31 MAR 2023

Career Track

- Narcotics Officer (Direct-Entry Inspector)

Bond Period

- 4 years for local study
- 5 years for studies in non-English speaking countries
- 6 years for studies in English speaking countries

Details of Study

- Local or overseas universities - Most disciplines (except medicine, dentistry and architecture)



We Want You!

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Scholarship Tiers

- Singapore Merit Scholarship (SMS)
- Singapore Government Scholarship (SGS)
- Local Merit Scholarship (LMS)
- Home Team Local Study Award (HTLSA)

Award Value & Benefits

- Tuition fees and other approved charges
- Monthly overseas or local allowances
- Pre-studies allowance (e.g. computer)
- Return economy class airfare (if overseas)
- Sponsorship for Masters and exchange programmes (if requirements are met)
- NS disruption *
- Full salary for the duration of study (including bonuses) *

*for selected scholarship tiers



HELP US SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE

The **Anti-Drug Abuse Advocacy Network (A3 Network)** is a volunteer scheme jointly administered by the NCADA and CNB. The A3 Network, which is under the umbrella of the Home Team Volunteer Network comprises various groups of people who identify with, support and promote the anti-drug cause.



Help us grow the A3 Network by telling your friends about us and the volunteering opportunities with CNB. Scan the QR codes for more information about the different schemes, or drop us an email at cnb_community_partnership@cnb.gov.sg



Scan here to find out about the A3 Network and different advocates schemes



Anti-Drug Advocate Programme for youths aged 17 - 25 years old

In adjusting to the new normal, some of our physical PDE programmes and activities have also gone online. Scan below to find out about the **Augmented Reality exhibition** and the **Virtual Heritage Gallery** that you can access at your convenience:



Scan here for the AR exhibition



Scan here for the virtual heritage gallery

If you come across drugs, or what you suspect to be drugs, you should call CNB hotline at **1800-325-6666**

For more information, please visit the CNB website at www.cnb.gov.sg



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