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# Contact Us

WE ARE OPEN 9-5 MON - FRI

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE HAS A DEDICATED PHONE NUMBER: 0113 887 2757

YOU CAN ALSO CALL OR TEXT: 07525265755 OR EMAIL US AT: ADMIN.YP@FORWARDLEEDS.CO.UK

**CLICK HERE TO WHATSAPP CHAT** 

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YOU CAN ALSO SEARCH OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL WHERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES: <u>@FORWARDLEEDSUK</u>

OR FOLLOW OUR TWITTER PAGE FOR UPDATES, INFO & ALERTS: <u>@FL\_YOUNGPERSONS</u>

# Campaigns & Projects...

FOR HELP IN STOPPING SMOKING NICOTINE VISIT ONE YOU – WWW.ONEYOULEEDS.CO. UK

Forward Leeds along with Leeds City Council and NHS Leeds are running a campaign aimed at 18–25 year olds in Leeds to encourage responsible drinking. <u>The No Regrets campaign</u> draws

from the regretful experiences of young adults across Leeds, turning these into positive messages that help young adults to think more wisely about their behaviour.

Decide the Night is an immersive game designed to encourage young people in Leeds to make safer choices around alcohol. Designed with young people, for young people, Decide the Night invites the user to take part in five different drinking scenarios. The aim is just to enjoy a full night out with your friends. Each scenario is storybased and focuses on a different drink and situation that was suggested by 14–15 year-olds from Leeds.

## HAVE A NIGHT WITH NO REGRETS.

NOREGRETSLEEDS.CO.UK





DOWNLOAD A DECIDE THE NIGHT ACTIVITY PACK TO RUN WITH YOUR GROUP HERE



<u>RESPECT THC</u> is our evidence based campaign highlighting how Cannabis is changing; offering practical advice, factual information, and resources to help YPs to make positive changes, improve their knowledge on the risks and effects, and advice for cutting down and quitting. There is also a link to our self-led Cannabis workbook and a Test Your Knowledge Quiz and Downloadable Posters and Information.

# Campaigns & Projects...

FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO & ADVICE FOR YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS CLICK HERE

We have a dedicated page for Cannabis Edibles with downloadable information leaflets and practical advice. YPs should also be aware These "cannabis sweets" or edibles do not always contain what it states on the packet. They may contain THC or they may contain other psychoactive ingredients such as Synthetic Cannabinoid Receptor Agonists ("spice").

The staff at Forward Leeds have compiled some <u>handouts and links</u> to videos to give your YPs some ideas of how they can look after themselves, manage their wellbeing in between sessions at Forward Leeds, and beyond the time when they stop coming to see us – or just to help them through some of the days when they need a little boost.







HOW TO PARTY PROPERLY is our micro mobile-friendly site that has information and advice about different substances, harmreduction tips and a simple mixing risk calculator.

# Some advice for you & your mates

TO WATCH A VIDEO ON THE RECOVERY POSITION CLICK HERE



### ALL TYPES OF DRUG INCLUDING ALCOHOL COME WITH AN ELEMENT OF RISK. DIFFERENT DRUGS HAVE DIFFERENT DANGERS. HERE ARE SOME GENERAL TIPS TO REMEMBER.

Think ahead

- If you are thinking about using any drugs, always get as much information as you can.
- Unknown effects can be scary and you might not always know if drugs have been mixed with other things.
- If you are at all unsure, think twice before taking it.

### Be in a Safe Environment

- Be with people that you trust and stay somewhere safe such as close to home or inside.
- Always be aware of your surroundings as you could end up feeling stressed or lost.
- Stay with people you know and look after each other.

**Know Your Limits** 

- Start low and go slow until you are sure what you are taking and the effect it will have on you. Try a small amount first and then go slowly. Even alcohol can take time for its full effects to be felt.
- You know your body best, if it seems like you are having more than you can handle then slow down.
- You should know when to stop and when to go home.

# Sex, Drugs & Yes and No!

TO WATCH A SHORT VIDEO ABOUT CONSENT CLICK HERE



### WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE, GET MEDICAL HELP AS FAST AS YOU CAN, BUT MAKE SURE SOMEONE ELSE STAYS WITH THEM UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

Medics aren't there to judge. If you know what has been taken and how much, just tell them so they know how to help. If they are unconscious, up them in the recovery position asap.

Drinking, taking drugs and having sex risks:

- Not using a condom to protect yourself from sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and/or unplanned pregnancy
- Forgetting to take your pill or vomiting making your pill less effective
- Allowing yourself to do something you wouldn't usually do

 Not prioritising your safety – possibly putting yourself at risk of sexual assault and not capable of giving sexual <u>consent</u>

<u>Leeds Sexual Health Service</u> offers sexual health help and advice

**Child Criminal Exploitation:** 

(CCE) is a growing issue where gangs target young people to get them to carry out criminal activities. If friends are pressuring you to get involved with their criminal activities, the reality is you have choices. The <u>St Giles Trust has a useful</u> <u>page of information about CCE</u>, weapons, gangs county lines and similar issues.

# Alcohol Basics...



Young people's bodies and in particular your brain aren't fully developed like an adult's, so alcohol can affect your development and health more seriously. If you do drink, there are a few things you can do to reduce the risks:

- Have time away from using alcohol
- Make sure you eat properly before you start drinking
- Drink water and soft drinks regularly between drinks
- Start drinking later and try not to start drinking until you go out
- Only take a limited amount of money with you (but make sure you have enough to get home)
- Know when you've had enough, the guidance is there to help you have a good time without ruining your night
- Drink, socialise and go home with people that you trust
  - Carry a condom just in case
- Don't accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended
- Avoid drinking games or gulping your drink

# Alcohol Basics...



**CLICK ABOVE FOR INFO** 

## Reasons not to drink:

 Lose weight and feel fitter
 Have more energy
 Save money
 Not embarrass yourself
 Avoid accidents and injuries
 Less likely to get into fights
 You won't be putting stuff on social media you regret
 Won't have 'beer goggles' effect
 Less likely to have unsafe sex
 Have better skin and appearance
 Sleep better
 You can still have a good time without

# drinking

Importantly!

- Never leave someone who is very drunk on their own.... Make sure they are lying on their side (recovery position) so they do not choke if they're sick.
- Never get into a car if the driver has been drinking alcohol.
- Plan how you will get home before you go out.

# Cannabis Basics...



### **KNOW YOUR STUFF:**

THC is the ingredient in cannabis that can make you feel very chilled out; happy and relaxed. THC has also been linked to anxiety, paranoia and in some cases hallucinations.

### **PLEASANT EFFECTS:**

You may feel relaxed and talkative. Colours and music may seem more intense.

## HARMFUL EFFECTS:

You may feel sick, have panic attacks, become paranoid and depressed or hear voices.

Your brain is still developing until your mid-20s. Regular, heavy cannabis use makes it difficult to learn and use information. Smoking large amounts of weed can affect your relationships with friends and family and teenagers who regularly use cannabis are likely to find themselves increasingly isolated. Often they only hang out with others who choose to use cannabis and are less engaged with the world around them.

# Cannabis **PRIME** Basics... Click above for info

The teenage brain seems to be more vulnerable to cannabis than the adult brain.

FORWARD LEEDS YP TEAM 2024

Heavy or regular adolescent cannabis users show a range of issues including:

- **Problems with attention**
- Problems with learning
- Problems with memory
- An inability to switch ideas, change responses or be mentally flexible

If you choose to smoke weed it's best not to mix it with alcohol. Combining weed and alcohol is likely to make you feel unwell. A side effect of smoking weed, called "a whitey", is more likely to occur if a person drinks alcohol before smoking. Individuals may go pale and sweaty, feel dizzy with "the spins," nauseous, and may even start vomiting. This is often followed by the need or strong desire to lie down.

When drinking and smoking are combined, it is also easier to drink too much and risk alcohol poisoning.

# Video Links for Information

# TO MAKE A REFERRAL FOR 1-2-1 SUPPORT CLICK HERE

# WE PROVIDE A CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-JUDGEMENTAL SERVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THE AGE OF 24





Our Young People's Service has a dedicated phone number 0113 887 2757 you can also call or text 07525 265755





VIDEO – WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST VISIT TO FORWARD LEEDS

# What can we do for your YPS?

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### We can help you if you:

- Just want more to know more about drugs or alcohol
- Want to find out how to stay as safe as possible
- Want some support to reduce or stop using alcohol or drugs
- Are worried about the effects that drugs are having on your mood, health, education or relationship

### We offer a range of support and services that include:

- One-to-one support around drug and alcohol issues
- Emotional support helping you to be happy, self-confident and resilient
- Physical and sexual health support
- Support to families and concerned others around young people's drug and alcohol use
- Information and advice about drugs and staying safe

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or email admin.yp@forwardleeds.co.uk

### Follow us on <u>Twitter</u>



VIDEO – WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST VISIT TO FORWARD LEEDS

# What can we do for your Group?

TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR GROUP WORK SESSIONS CLICK HERE



WE CAN PROVIDE GROUP SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE USING OR AT HIGH RISK OF USING SUBSTANCES FOR UP TO 12 YOUNG PEOPLE AT A TIME AND ALL SESSIONS ARE COMPLETLY FREE.

The sessions can be built around any substance and are tailored to fit the needs of each group.

We can provide one-off Harm Reduction & Information sessions. These provide the group with the most important information about the substance, it's impacts and harm-reduction strategies.

It's also an opportunity for them to ask questions, correct misinformation and find out about Forward Leeds and how we can support them should they choose to make changes to their use either now or in the future.

We also have a session aimed at Parents/Carers wishing to know more about Young Peoples substance use, the risks they face and how best to support them. We can also offer group support for young people that are impacted by substance use, who might not want to access 1-2-1 support.

We have a series of 3 sessions that can be adapted to any substance and allows the group to explore their relationship with drugs more deeply; both the long and short-term impacts it may have.

This series of sessions has proven to be successful in encouraging those who were initially unsure about accessing services to go on to continued 1-2-1 support.

Or... If you are unsure what you might need? Feel free to contact us to discuss what's best.

# FREE Training for Professionals

Forward Leeds Alcohol and Drug service have a team that can provide training and information around alcohol and drugs. This is primarily aimed at:

- Social Care staff and similar organisations
- Leeds City Council teams
- Charities and third sector organisations

Training is delivered virtually and in person, you can choose which you prefer. All of our training is completely free, provided your organisation is based in <u>the City of</u> <u>Leeds</u> local authority area.

View a list of all 2024 courses

Training aims:-

- Increased awareness of brief
  Interventions
- Provide some basic tools and worksheets
- How to refer into alcohol or drug services
- Where to access leaflets and information
- An increase in substancespecific awareness

In addition Forward Leeds runs additional Want To Know More About (WTKMA) sessions for Leeds City Council.

### Contact us at

<u>prevention@forwardleeds.co.uk</u> for more information or to book on courses.



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# ONLINE TOOIS & Resources

ONLINE SUBSTANCE USE CHECKER THAT GIVESRELEVENT HARM-REDUCTION ADVICEHERE

A-Z OF SUBSTANCE INFO, HARM REDUCTION ADVICE & DOWNLOADABLE FLYERS <u>HERE</u>

TALK TO FRANK - SUBSTANCE INFO & ADVICE,TIPS FOR FRIENDS & PARENTS/CARERSHERE

DRUGWISE - ONESTOP PORTAL FOR EVIDENCEBASED DRUG INFO & UPDATESHERE

WEDINOS - FREE DRUG TESTING SERVICE HERE

RELEASE - DRUGS INFORMATION, LEGAL INFO,STOP & SEARCH ADVICEHERE

SOLVENTS & NITROS OXIDE (NOS) SPECIFIC INFO & RESOURCES <u>HERE</u>

ONLINE TOOL TO CHECK USE, COSTS & IMPACTS OF USE (HIGHLY RECOMENDED) <u>HERE</u>

ONLINE TOOIS & Resources

"DITCH THE LABEL" - IF YOU'RE AGED 12-25 AND STRUGGLING WITH THINGS LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, RELATIONSHIPS, BULLYING OR IDENTITY, WE'RE HERE AND WE'VE GOT ALL THE ADVICE AND SUPPORT YOU NEED. <u>HERE</u>

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"I AM SOBER" APP IS A FREE RESOURCE TO HELP BREAK BAD HABITS, BUILD NEW ONES, AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH. <u>HERE</u>

"DRINK COACH" APP TRACK AND CHANGE YOUR DRINKING FOR FREE. NO ADVERTISING, NO IN-APP PURCHASES, NO LOG-INS... JUST A GREAT APP. <u>HERE</u>

ONLINE TOOIS & Resources

SUBSTANCE MISUSE EDUCATION LESSON PLANSAND ACTIVITIES FOR YEARS 7 TO 11HERE

SUBSTANCE MISUSE EDUCATION LESSON PLANSAND ACTIVITIES KS1-3HERE

SUBSTANCEMISUSERESOURCES,INFO&FLYERS (SOME AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FREE)OTHERS TO ORDERHERE

DRUGS & ALCOHOL EDUCATION SESSION PLANS YEARS 7-11 HERE

FOUR YP'S DESCRIBE HOW THEIR LIVES WERE AFFECTED BY DRUGS, WHILST HOW DRUGS AFFECT THE BODY IS EXPLORED VIDEOS HERE

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# **Drug Combination RISK INDICATOR**

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General Advice Have a pian and off of Masure out all drugs when you're sober and choose sattings and activities when you'll be safe, acrue and confortable.

Don't leave your drink unattended and keep an eye on your friends drinks. Don't accept a drink from zoneone you don't know if you threk your drink might have been tampered with.

# Information based on the Tripsit Guide to Drug Combinations. For a more comprehensive version and further information please visit www.tripsit.me



Remember Try not to take drugs on your own, you'll be safer when problems occur. But, take responsibility don't rety on other people to look efter you. Never drare injecting or snorting equipment.

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Dangerous

Unsafe

Caution

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The information in this booklet is only intended as a quick reference guide and information, laws and advice is changeable – if you have any worries or concerns please contact us directly for the most up to date information.