

Substance Use Education

Stage: Third to Fourth	Lesson: Local and International Drug Use
<p>Expected national standards for each level: Identifies local substance misuse issues and how they are being addressed. Compares current national and international statistics related to the impact of substance misuse.</p>	
<p>Substance Misuse Experiences and Outcomes: HWB 3-43b / 4-43b Through investigating substance misuse in my local community I can reflect on specific issues, and discuss how they are being addressed. By researching the impact of substance misuse nationally and internationally I can explain similarities and differences among communities. HWB 4-43c I understand the local, national and international impact of substance misuse.</p>	
<p>Resources Required for Lesson: Internet access, paper and pens, <i>Drugs in Europe</i> sheet</p>	
<p>Main Activities:</p> <p>Begin by considering how different areas of the Highlands are affected by alcohol and drug use. Have a look at your area's local profile to see how it compares to the rest of the Highlands and Scotland here. Ask the young people why this might be? What affects or protects the people in this area? What happens in the local community to address these issues?</p> <p>There are local Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership Forums, see here for more information.</p> <p>Next consider production of illegal drugs. Begin by watching this video about cocaine production in the Amazon https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0bYoBB-loA</p> <p>Ask the young people to consider why the workers produce this? How does production affect the environment? Are all the stages of production carried out in a sterile environment?</p> <p>How might the product change on its journey to the Highlands? What are the risks involved for people transporting and distributing drugs?</p>	
<p>Next, we'll consider the international picture. Complete the accompanying sheet <i>Drugs in Europe worksheet</i> with the young people about drug related statistics across Europe, in comparison to the UK.</p>	