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Candidate Record Sheet - Level 1 Foundation & 2 Higher Projects

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Centre Number 51333

Unit Name Level 2 Project

Unit Number P201

Project checklist

The final Project should include the following items:

- a Project Proposal Form
- a Project activity log or diary
- records of research carried out (which could be included within the project outcome or given separately)
- the Project Outcome
- an evaluation

Project Contents

Please list the format of the items submitted as part of the Project, note whether this evidence is shared with other candidates and if so who (A4 Report, portfolio, sketchbook, CD of sound track, DVD of play/film, video, etc)

A4 Report, Newspaper Article
(Individual Report)

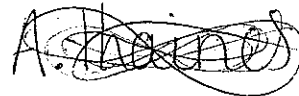
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- is not work which has been or will be submitted for another qualification.

I also agree to my coursework being used to support Professional Development, Online Support and Training of both Centre-Assessors and Edexcel Moderators.

Signature:



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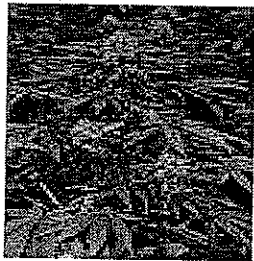
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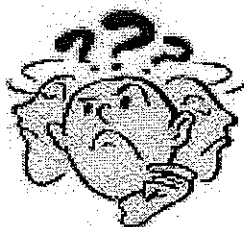
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Why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

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Introduction

The question I have chosen to research and answer is why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis. I chose this question because I believe that young people smoking cannabis has become a growing problem in today's society. I also believe that this occurring problem needs to be recognised and solved by our government and to do so the root cause needs to be found as to why people smoke it. I'm also going to show the classifications to cannabis and what may happen if you are found with possession of cannabis and how it may be consumed so people can get a better understanding. I chose to do a questionnaire & a survey so that I can see what other people think of cannabis and how they think it can be solved. At first my key question was going to be why do young people smoke cannabis however my key question has to be specific in the area of research I was doing as it has to be specific so when I m doing statistics it makes it easier to search and I cant just say young people as what do I mean by young as everyone's definition of young can differ.

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Project Proposal form

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| Teacher Assessor | <u>Claire Gulliver</u> | Date | <u>13/2/09</u> |
| Unit | <u>Level 2 Project</u> | | |

Proposed project title Why do people age 14-19 smoke cannabis?

Section One: Title, objective, responsibilities

Title or working title of project (in the form of a question)

A newspaper article on why do people age 14-19 smoke cannabis?

Project objectives (e.g., what is the question you want to answer? What do you want to learn how to do? What do you want to find out?):

- For my Project my key question was why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis? I chose to do this because I believe that it has become a growing problem and should be prevented and solved.
- The reason why I chose cannabis was because it is the most common consumed drug in the U.K and in America.
- I chose to do the category 14-19 year olds because I felt like this age range is the stage nowadays to were people are trying cannabis and the age is getting younger.
- I want to learn how to approach people when asking to fill out a questionnaire and a survey & whether they thought it was an issue.
- I also want to learn how to research such a difficult subject.
- Also to try and educate them about do they know the consequences about smoking cannabis and do they know the risks imposed of smoking cannabis whilst handing out the questionnaire then asking them are they prepared to stop smoking cannabis?
- What is cannabis and its risks and effects it has on people
- Hand out questionnaire survey and research statistics to find reliable sources.

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If it is a group project, what will your responsibilities be?

Section Two: Reasons for choosing this project

Reasons for choosing the project (e.g., links to other subjects you are studying, personal interest, future plans, knowledge/skills you want to improve, why the topic is important):

I feel as if it is increasingly becoming a bigger problem and if there is something that today's society and other people can do to help stop this. I also want to do it because im not sure if I want to become either a midwife, youth

worker or probation officer and some of these people I may work with in my life may smoke cannabis therefore I want to research whether there is something that I can do to help prevent this or even stop it.

Section Three: Activities and timescales

Activities to be carried out during the project (e.g., research, analysis, writing, preparing for the presentation, etc):

How long this will take:

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| Research on the classifications | ½ hour |
| Make a questionnaire on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis? | 1 hour |
| Get mum to check it | 20 minutes |
| Hand questionnaire out | 1 day |
| Research statistics | 1 hour |
| Write up questionnaire results | 2 hours |
| Write a survey | ½ hour |
| Get mum to check it | 1.5 hours |
| Research how they consume and background information on cannabis | 10 minutes |
| What is cannabis research? | 2 hours |
| Effects and risks of cannabis | 1 hour |
| Newspaper article LO3 | 30 minutes |
| Essay to explain newspaper article LO3 | 3 days |
| Review LO4 | 2 days |
| Presentation LO4 | 2 hours |
| | 1 hour |

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Milestone one: Information Gathered - questionnaire, survey, background information on what is cannabis and the statistics.

Target date (set by tutor-assessor):
2nd march 2009

Milestone two: Complete LO3 newspaper article on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

Target date (set by tutor-assessor):
20th march 2009

Section Four: Resources

What resources will you need for your research, write up and presentation (e.g., libraries, books, journals, equipment):

Internet - www.bbc.co.uk

www.directgov.uk

www.taktofrank.com

Etc...

Microsoft word 2007, publisher 2003

Survey in local youth centre

Questionnaire in local youth centre

Survey

Society Health and Development Level 2 higher Diploma - Elizabeth Haworth, Beth Allen, Carol Forshaw, Denise Nicol, Anne Vollbracht.

www.wikipedia.org

What your areas of research will cover?

Classifications, how it is consumed, statistics on young people smoking cannabis, what is cannabis, the risks and effect of cannabis, how easy do 14-19 year olds think it is to get hold of cannabis, what do 14-19 year olds like and dislike about cannabis, why do people think 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis, Do all there friends smoke cannabis, What can be done to help stop & prevent 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis?

Comments and agreement from tutor-assessor

Is the learner taking this project as part of the Diploma? Yes/~~No~~

If yes, which Diploma are they taking? SMD - Level 2

Comments (optional):

Is project derived from work which has been/will be submitted for another qualification? ~~Yes~~/No

Which qualification (title and unit)? _____

Comments (optional):

I confirm that the project is not work which has been or will be submitted for another qualification and is appropriate.

Agreed: Claire Gulliver (name) 8/2/09 (date)

Comments and agreement from project proposal checker

Comments (optional):

I confirm that the project is appropriate.

Agreed: Claire Gulliver (name) (date) 8/2/09

Project Activity Log

Learner Name Amy Haines Learner number _____

Centre Name Thames Valley University - Reading Centre Number 51333

Unit Name Level 2 Project Unit number _____

Teacher Assessor Claire Gulliver

Proposed project title Why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

This form should be used to record the process of your project and be submitted as evidence with the final piece of work.
 You may want to discuss:

- what you have done (e.g., from one week to the next)
- if you are working in a group, what discussions you have had
- any changes that you have or will need to make to your plans
- what resources you have found or hope to find
- what problems you are encountering and how you are solving them
- what you are going to do next

| Date | Comments |
|--------|---|
| 1/2/09 | Project proposal forms and introduction as to what I chose and why Produce a questionnaire on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis and made the consent forms for people under 16 years old and got my mum to check them both. |
| 2/2/09 | Research on classifications about cannabis and what is the penalties on possession on both young people and people over 18 years old. Also started bibliography and added things on as I go along. I used www.directgov.co.uk found this site really helpful as well as www.talktofrank.co.uk |
| 4/2/09 | Write up questionnaire results and read through them didn't feel that they were as a effective as I would have hoped so produced a survey as well as the consent forms for the under 16's and get mum to check that it looks ok and there is no mistakes. |
| 6/2/09 | Write up results of survey and started to think about what I am going to write in my newspaper article as well as starting to think more about what the answer to my key question is going to be. |
| 8/2/09 | Statistics and how many people consume cannabis not as specific as I would have hoped but near enough. www.healthinparliament.co.uk was a good site for statistics. Also started my essay on reliable sources and finished it on 9/2/09 |

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Project Activity Log - continued

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| Date | Comments |
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| 10/2/09 | Researched affects and risks on cannabis and what it can do to a person. Found this interesting and helpful on the website www.talktofrank.co.uk |
| 11/2/09 | Researched ways in which it can be consumed as wanted to understand more about cannabis also researched what cannabis actually is. Found this information on www.wikipedia.co.uk |
| 13/2/09 - 15/2/09 | Started newspaper article took a while to think about what I was going to include finished it on the 15 th . Felt it was how I wanted it. |
| 16/2/09 - 17/2/09 | Finished my newspaper article and started the essay to say why I chose what I chose in my newspaper article explaining in detail what I done. Things such as the images I chose and the layout I chose why I chose to do it in a newspaper format etc... |
| 19/2/09 | Started too look back on my newspaper article checked the spelling and grammar. I then started on my LO4 review the presentation an overlook of what I have done so my class mates can see and understand what I chose and why did it on PowerPoint presentation |
| 21/2/09 | Started the actual LO4 review essay explaining what my overall conclusions are what I think I could do to improve it and if I could further the project then how. |
| 23/2/09 | Finished the PowerPoint Presentation. |
| 25/2/09 | Produced Feedback forms for the rest of the class so they can tell me what they think about my project and what I have shown them. Carried on with LO4 review. |
| 26/2/09 | Did my presentation went well received feedback from the rest of the class the added this into LO4 review and finished it off. |
| 28/2/09 - 2/2/09 | Any amendments such as finish bibliography, title page, contents page. |

Statistics

“In the United States a government survey tells us that Marijuana (cannabis) is the most frequently used drug in the United States as over 83 million Americans has tried Marijuana over the age of 12 years old at least once. It was also shown that the average age of there first time of trying Marijuana was at 14 years old.”
www.parentingteens.about.com

“Research has been shown that Marijuana can change the balance the chemicals in the brain that can regulate the mood of energy, appetite attention.”

“Research also shows us that Marijuana can reduce a person’s concentration.”

“Research also shows us that young people that use Marijuana weekly can double the risk of having depression later on in life.”

“Research also shows us that girls are more likely to become depressed and are 5 xs more likely to become depressed at the age of 21 than people who don’t smoke Marijuana at all.”

“Research shows us that people aged 12-17 who smoke cannabis weekly are 3 x more likely to have thought about committing suicide than non-users.”

www.hubpages.com

“There are around 400 chemicals in the cannabis plant & THC affects the brain the most.”

“Smoking cannabis is just as bad on the lungs as smoking tobacco if not worse.”
www.gdcada.org

“Cannabis is also the biggest consumed illegal drug in the U.K.”

“in 2000, cannabis was the most widely used drug among 11-19 year olds, 12 per cent of those aged 11-15 years in England were using cannabis and 25 per cent of those aged 16-19 years in England and Wales were using cannabis.”

“44% of 16-29 year olds have tried cannabis at some point I their lives.”

www.healthinparliament.org

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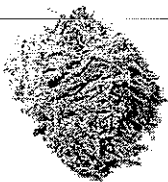
What does the law say about cannabis?

Cannabis has been reclassified to a class B drug. If you are caught with cannabis by the police and are under 17 they are allowed to tell your parent/guardian. Also it depends about your personal history such as whether it has happened before. For possessing a class B drug you can get up to 5 years in prison and an unlimited fine or either one. If you are over 18 and caught with possession of cannabis then the police will confiscate the drug and can arrest you. They can also give you a warning if it is your first time being caught with cannabis. If it is your second offence they can give you an on the spot fine of £80. If it's your third time then they can arrest you and this will lead to a criminal record and a conviction. For people aged 10-17 who have been caught with possession of cannabis they can give you a reprimand and tell your parent/guardian. If it is your second offence then they can refer you to a youth offending team and give you a final warning. If it's your third time caught with the possession of cannabis then this can lead to a criminal record and a conviction. I got this information from www.directgov.co.uk this is a reliable source as it is from the *M-bard* government. On the www.bbc.co.uk website it had been proved that more than 80% of the 727 young people in their teens and early 20's polled by young minds had tried the drug most of them before they were 18. This tells me that a lot of young people either has tried it or do smoke it and most people will not try it once and never again as most may get hooked on the drug.

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Cannabis the ways in which it can be consumed

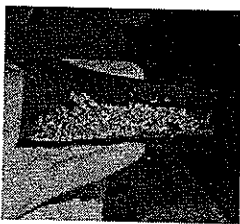
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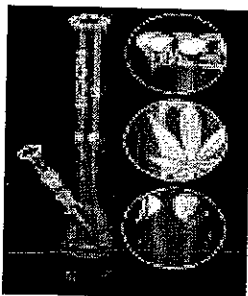
Cannabis is also known as marijuana or ganja some people may also call it 'green' or 'wacky backy' it is extracted from the plant cannabis sativa it "consists of dried mature flowers and subtending leaves of pistillate (female) plants."



Different people consume the drug in different ways the most common way is mixing cannabis with tobacco and putting it into a riza to make a 'spliff' or a 'joint' and this is then smoked this is harmful as the temperature its burning at can reach up to 860 degrees Celsius.



Another way of smoking cannabis can be through a blunt this is where its again mixed with tobacco and put in a cigar leaf wrapped blunt and you can have different flavours such as cherry or purple hays this is supposed to make it taste better there is also a little tube where you breathe it in as the blunt is bigger than a 'joint' or 'spliff'.



The bong is also commonly used this is also known as a 'water pipe' when using the bong the base of it is filled with water the drug smoking usually cannabis is then packed into the 'cone piece' and you then light with a lighter or a match you then place your mouth over the mouthpiece and inhale this is usually known as a 'toke' 'pull' or a 'hit'. So when you breathe it in the flame ignites pulling the flame towards the substance the smoke then travels through the pipe which is attached to the bottom of the base. The smoke then

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rises through to the water which is cooling the smoke it also filters particulates from the smoke. On the side of the bong there is a little hole the person using it will cover the hole until the substance has burnt away. There are many other ways that people consume cannabis these I have mentioned are the most common ways.

I found this website reliable as it has statistics and also I get other information on there for other things therefore I trust this website that helped me with my research it's a well - known website and everything I need to know is on it.

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Effects and Risks of smoking cannabis

When smoking cannabis people may feel that they are becoming anxious, panicky and paranoid.

Smoking cannabis when driving is called drug driving and is just as illegal as drink-driving as it affects your co-ordination.

Even though cannabis is a plant doesn't mean it is harmless it also has many chemicals in it that can cause lung disease and even cancer when used heavily or long term-use especially as it is mixed with tobacco without a filter. It also makes asthma worse. It can also increase heart rate and affects blood pressure. Cannabis can also cause pre-existing psychotic illness like schizophrenia and is not a good idea if you have a history of mental health problems as it can also contribute to relapse. Also if your family background has a mental illness then this can also increase your chances of developing a psychotic illness. Smoking cannabis can also effect fertility as it can cut a mans sperm count reduce sperm mobility and also suppress ovulation in women. When pregnant and you smoke cannabis frequently then there is a big risk that the unborn child is born a lot smaller than you expected. When a heavy user of cannabis it can then be difficult to concentrate and learn new things. Other people may start to feel tired and don't feel motivated all the time. If you smoke stronger cannabis such as 'Skunk' to get a bigger high there are more harmful effects and risks and is at more risk of getting mental health effects.

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Questionnaire results

When I handed out my questionnaire I found it hard to get the young people's attention in order to answer and fill out the questionnaire as their attitude towards cannabis was that they enjoyed smoking it and didn't really care or think about the consequences of smoking cannabis. 18 questionnaires were filled out whilst 14 of those were females that filled them out and 8 of those were 17 year olds and 8 were 16 year olds 1 19 year old and 1 15 year old.

How many of those I asked smoke or has tried cannabis?

7 people hasn't tried cannabis whilst the rest has 2 of those were 15 years old when they had first tried cannabis and 2 were 14 years old and 2 were 13 years 1 was 13/14 years and 1 was 14/15 years and 1 was 16 years and the other one was 8 years old when they first tried it. 9 of these people don't smoke cannabis as 2 of those have tried it but don't smoke it anymore.

Those who do smoke cannabis, how often and how much do they consume?

3 of those people that smoke cannabis has said that they smoke cannabis everyday 2 of them said an amount that costs them up to £20 a day the other one said one joint/spliff a day or one a week. 1 person said they smoke cannabis twice a week again an amount that costs £20 and someone else said when they did smoke cannabis it was a couple of times a week. Someone else said they smoke cannabis once a week and around 3-4 joints/spliffs. Another person who smokes cannabis had said they smoke it a few times a month and around 3 joints/spliffs a month. Someone else had said they smoke cannabis twice a week and an amount that costs them £30. The 2 people that have tried it but does not smoke cannabis anymore said that they did not smoke a lot of it when they did. The other person said they only smoke it when they are with there friends.

What first attracted you to cannabis?

When I asked the question what first attracted you to cannabis the reaction I got was 4 of the people had said that there friends were smoking it so they wanted to try it. Whereas 2 people had said the smell of cannabis as well as one also saying they liked the buzz it gave them and chilled them out, 1 person also said the buzz it gave them and one other person said that it chills them out and that its was something to do. Another person said they just felt like trying it and someone who doesn't smoke cannabis wrote they felt people are

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attracted because of peer pressure. Someone else who smokes cannabis said that they were first attracted to cannabis because of peer pressure.

Do all your friends smoke cannabis?

I also asked if all your friends smoke cannabis 7 of them said no whereas 3 said most of there friends smoke cannabis. 3 people said yes all of there friends smoke cannabis 3 said not all of them but some of there friends smoke cannabis. 2 people said they don't know if all there friends smoke cannabis.

How easy do you think it is to get hold of cannabis? I asked how easy they think it is to get hold of cannabis 7 people said very easy, 2 people said quite easy, 3 people said easy 1 person said not that easy, 4 people didn't know and 1 person said yes which I assume means they think it is easy to get hold of cannabis.

Why do you smoke cannabis (think about it)? I then asked the question why do you smoke cannabis and asked them to think about it when I asked this question there were mixed answers however they all relate to each other. 1 person said they don't know why they smoke it 1 person had said they get bored and it gives them a buzz 1 person said they smoked it just to try it, 1 person said they smoke it so they can have fun with there friends, 1 person said it relaxes them and gets them to sleep, another person had said they smoke it because it chills them out and when there is nothing else to do, 1 person said they smoked it because of peer pressure and the feeling they got after, another person said because it makes them feel good, 1 person said it makes them have a less serious look on life and it makes them laugh and they smoke when they are bored, 1 person said because it sends them of to a place with no arguments, 8 people left it blank as they haven't tried cannabis.

What do you like about smoking cannabis and what don't you like?

I then asked what the people who smoke cannabis likes about smoking cannabis and what they don't like about smoking cannabis 7 people didn't answer the question as they haven't tried cannabis, 1 person said they like smoking cannabis as they can see leprechauns, 1 person said it makes them hyper and feel good, 1 person also said because it makes them feel good, another person said what they like about smoking cannabis is that it makes them forget about life not worry and what they don't like about smoking cannabis is that it costs a lot of money. 1 person said they love it in every way. 1 person had said they don't like or dislike anything about smoking cannabis, 1 person said the smell can be vile, another person said they don't like the taste in your mouth or the smell of the

smoke in there hair or on your clothes someone else said they don't like it because of its smell. 1 person said they like the buzz but not that it makes them paranoid, another person said that they like the fact that it makes them laugh and that it gives them a different perspective on life and they dislike the fact they get nervous and panic. Another person had said that they like the fact that it chills them out however they dislike the fact that it makes them paranoid and feels that everyone is staring at them. Someone else who hasn't tried cannabis had said that they don't like the smell of cannabis.

What do you think could be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis?

I also asked what they think could be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis 3 people said more activities one person even suggested free bus journeys and free swimming sessions, 1 person said no following peers as they are the one's who pressurises people in doing things they may not particularly want to do. 7 people said that to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis then there should be more talks and campaigns in primary as well as secondary schools and that there should be more information on health risks at schools. 1 person said to stop 14-19 year olds that all the main drug dealers should be found and arrested them, and 6 people said they think nothing can be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis.

Do you think there is enough information and awareness given at school about cannabis?

To relate to that question I then asked do you think there is enough information and awareness given at school about cannabis. 1 person said they didn't know, 2 people said kind of/not really, 10 people said no they didn't think that there is enough information and awareness given out at schools about cannabis, and 5 people said yes they thought there is enough information and awareness given out at schools about cannabis.

Are you prepared to stop smoking cannabis if no please explain why?

I also asked the question are those who smoke cannabis prepared to stop smoking cannabis and if no please explain why, 1 person said no as they don't smoke it all the time therefore don't think it's a problem, 1 person said no because they love it, another person said no as there is nothing else to do, 1 person said yes, another person said one day when they can be bothered, someone else said no never, 1 person said no as they don't smoke it

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that often so there is no need to worry if they started smoking it every week then they would consider stopping, another person said no as they like it, another person said yes in the next few months because of there career, 9 people left it blank.

What age range and gender would you say smoke cannabis more?

I then asked what age range and gender they think smokes cannabis more, 2 people said younger people, 3 people said 16+, person said 14+, 2 people said 20+, 1 person said males and 17-25years, 1 person said 15-35 years, 1 person said 17+, 1 person said 16+ male, 1 person said 13 years, 1 person said 12-17 years, 1 person said males and 12-30 years, 1 person said males and 13-15 years and another person said 13-19 year olds 1 person didn't know.

Any further comments?

Finally I then asked if they had any further comments 12 people didn't whereas 1 person wrote good questionnaire, another person wrote plan to organise advice on smoking cannabis and its affects on health, another person wrote I don't think its such a thing that they make it out to be, someone else wrote meow kitty, another person wrote I love weed!!!, finally someone else wrote weed shouldn't be a class B drug because there is a lot of positive things about it as it chills you out, and gets you to sleep & cures arthritis.

Overall

That was my questionnaire and its answers overall I think there isn't enough information about cannabis as if young people realised how much cannabis can damage there health then they may not smoke it. The government needs to put into action more activities for young people to do as the impression I got whilst handing out the questionnaires is that people are bored with everyday life and there isn't anything left to excite them into doing good in today's society. I also go the impression that they smoke it because it is something to do and because most of there friends smoke cannabis. Getting hold of cannabis was told that it was not a problem to get hold of as the majority asked said they thought it was easy to get hold of this also shows us that the government is doing something wrong when they are trying to protect today's kids and not only kids smoke cannabis but that is how they start of as when they start to smoke cannabis at a young age then they are more likely to develop onto stronger and more harmful drugs. Word count: 1,848

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Survey Results

I decided to do a survey on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis for my project the reason to why was because when i handed out a questionnaire i felt that the reaction i got was not as serious as i would have hoped, because i only asked the people who smoke cannabis why they smoke it, and the reason i felt they did not take it serious was because they enjoy smoking cannabis and i felt that they did not know the seriousness of smoking cannabis in later life.

I carried out 13 surveys On the first question i asked was how old they were this is because if they were under 16 years old then i would have to get there parents/guardians to sign a form i made to say they agree to there son/daughter to fill out the survey and that it is confidential therefore there parent/guardian or anyone else will know there son/daughters answers.

How old are you?

6 out of the 13 surveys filled out were done by 16 year olds, one was 18 years old, one was 19 years old, 2 were 17 one left it blank and the last was 14 years old.

Do you smoke cannabis?

Again 6 out of the 13 people asked smoke cannabis and 2 have tried it but dont smoke cannabis anymore, and the other 5 dont smoke cannabis and nor tried it. This overall is quite a large amount of the people i asked who has either tried cannabis or smoke it regulary. This tells me that it is becoming a big problem in society.

Why do you smoke cannabis?

When people who smoke cannabis or who have tried it why they smoke/d it 2 of the people had said peer pressure and 4 said because they have nothing else to and they are bored they also added other things such as they like the 'buzz' they get after. Another person said they like the buzz and the taste and smell is nice the other person had said because there mates do it and more of a laugh. This tells me that the reason to why most people tried cannabis and some smoke it is because of how bored they are and how there is nothing for there age to do as well as peer pressure and the 'buzz' they get after smoking cannabis after.

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Why do you think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

I then asked for the people who either havent tried or smoke cannabis why do you think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis the users of cannabis also answered this. 9 out of the 13 asked said they thought that people aged 14-19 years old smoke cannabis because there is nothing else to do, boredom however some also wrote peer pressure and because there mates smoke it to add to it, 3 out of the 13 people said they thought that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis because of peer pressure someone else added to theres that also some family members smoke cannabis so may catch on. This tells me that there is a small variety of what people think and i feel that people took it seriously as they thought about it didnt rush it and also they didnt write on them silly things.

Conclusion of survey

Overall i would say that this survey has been a success as i felt i have an inside view of why people think 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis also that it has helped me to answer my key question. I feel that the majority pf 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis because of peer pressure & boredom this may then lead on to addiction which is what the government needs to try and prevent.

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LO2 – Reliable sources

When researching the background information I needed it was important for me to choose reliable sources as if they aren't then the information gathered may not be right and this will then be misunderstanding to people. The BBC website I found reliable as many people watch the BBC news and therefore it has to be reliable in order for people trust it I used this for some statistics. I also used www.directgov.co.uk this is a reliable source also as it is the government's website and if they are not right then who are as they are the people who make the laws and give the information on society etc... This website was really good as it helped me find more information on the re-classifications on cannabis and what the penalties are. I also used www.wikipedia.co.uk with this site I wasn't as leanent and only collected information that I also double checked was right with another source for this I gathered what is cannabis this was reliable because a lot of people count on this website and it had all the definitions on a hyperlink therefore if I didn't understand anything then I would click onto it so that it makes it easier for me to understand. Another site that I used was www.healthinparliament.co.uk this site I used for statistics I felt that this was also reliable because this is also part of the governments site and they don't have a choice but to be reliable as everyone trusts them. For my statistics they are on my research page named statistics were reliable as some where international as some were for Americans statistics and a lot of people know these sources and also because some of the information they wrote I checked and was right. Another site I went onto for effects and risks in cannabis were www.talktofrank.co.uk this is reliable as it is a well known drug help campaign which is there for help and support for people who misuse drugs and alcohol or even carers and loved ones for those people. This is reliable because people count on this site for help and it is approved by the government and is a well-known site etc... For my Primary research I handed out a questionnaire on what people aged 14-19 years old who smoke cannabis what they think about smoking it and non smokers of cannabis also filled them out however there wasn't many questions that they could answer. I done this around my local youth club which was my first time going and this was a new experience in itself they did not take it as seriously as I would of hoped as they rushed it to catch up with there mates as they were going and was laughing wasn't that interested in what I tried telling them about the re-classifications and whether they knew. After this I then decided to do a survey as I dint feel

that people to the questionnaire as serious so this time I decided to ask people who don't smoke cannabis and get there views and opinions on the drug as they may have a clearer idea also as they may have tried it and felt the pressure or other reasons of why other young people smoke cannabis whereas people who smoke cannabis may be vulnerable especially as they are young and they may be in denial and not bothered about the reasons and want to stop. I felt that this went a lot better than the questionnaire as non – smokers views helped me a lot into realising that not every young person has tried cannabis and they have a lot more views on the drug than we think, there views and opinions should be asked and heard a lot more as they may help solve the problem and reason as to why young people smoke cannabis not only 14-19 year olds.

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Why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

- How did it get like this?
- What can society do to help
- Ideas of what can be done
- What 14-19 year olds think about cannabis

Shocking statistics & the re-classification on cannabis

Statistics show us that cannabis is the biggest consumed illegal drug in the U.K. In the year 2000 cannabis was the most commonly used drug in the U.K. among people aged 11-19 years old . 25% of those people using cannabis were aged 16-19 years old in England & Wales and 12% of people aged 11-15 years old in England & Wales were also using cannabis. What does this tell us that society isn't communicating anymore, parents aren't looking after there kids, or our kids are uncontrollable? On the bbc website it has been proved that more than 80% of 727 of young people in there teens & early 20's has tried cannabis or smoke it still & most of them before they were 18 most of these people will not try it once as they may get hooked on it. This is also a problem in America as cannabis is also the most commonly used drug over there. I think that it is not a slap on the wrist people need but serious help I don't know about you but it makes me feel as if we have failed today's kids.

The law on Cannabis- cannabis has just been reclassified from a class C to a class B drug this means there are harsher penalties. However it depends on your personal history when you are caught with possession of cannabis and are under 17 and it is your first offence then they are allowed to tell your parents/ guardians. However if you are caught with possession of cannabis then you can get up to 5 years in prison and/or an unlimited fine. If you are over 18 and caught with possession of cannabis then they can arrest you and also confiscate it of you. If it is your first offence then they can give you a warning if it's your 2nd offence then the police can give you an on the spot £80 fine. If it is your 3rd time you can then get a criminal record and a conviction. For people who are aged 10-17 years old if it is there first offence they can give you a reprimand and tell your parent/ guardian, if it is there 2nd offence then they can give you a final warning & refer you to a youth offending team. If it then happens a third time then you will receive a criminal record and a conviction. These new penalties may seem harsh but are they going to stop people & our kids from smoking cannabis or trying this illegal drug? Also if you are caught supplying the class B drug you can get a maximum prison sentence up to 14 years in prison & unlimited fine.

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What actually is cannabis ?

Cannabis is extracted from the plant cannabis sativa it is dried mature flowers & subtending leaves of pill state, which is a female plant. The most chemical compound in cannabis is Tetrahydrocannabinol most commonly known as THC. Research has shown that a long term user of cannabis may get short term memory loss. Its also a mild

sedative drug this is were it can make the person who is smoking cannabis feel very sleepy and chilled out. Some drug dealers spray the illegal drugs with glass to make it's look and weight seem a lot better, than what it actually is. Also cannabis resin what is sold as Hash some dealers include

things such as henna, animal faeces & even tranquillizers. The other thing is how do you know what you are buying of your dealer you may think he is giving you a good deal as you may know them but be serious they only care about money not your welfare otherwise they wouldn't sell it to you. Some people say that it is not actually cannabis that people get addicted to but the tobacco that they smoke it with.



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The effects and Risks of smoking cannabis

There are many different effects to smoking cannabis some people may feel that they have the 'munchies' this is were they are very hungry and get hunger pangs. Others may feel they get talkative also known as the 'giggles' and were they laugh a lot, some may feel sick and pull a 'whitey' this is were they have one pull and throw up and others may feel chilled out and happy as if they have no worries in the world. People that have been smoking cannabis for a longer time may start to realise that it makes time go slower and that is because of its Hallucinogenic effects. If you are a frequent user of cannabis then this may lead to you becoming schizophrenic or other mental illnesses.

When people smoke stronger cannabis 'joints' such as skunk this can have stronger and harsher effects on the person. Risks of smoking cannabis can include that it affects your co-ordination skills this is why it is also illegal to drug-drive as it is to drink drive. Cannabis is just as harmful as tobacco if not worse some people assume that because it is a plant that they are o.k. but they still contain loads of chemicals that can cause lung disease, it can also affect blood pressure and the heart rate. If you have a history of mental health problems then smoking cannabis may contribute to a relapse. Smoking cannabis can also affect fertility as it can cut a mans sperms count and suppress a woman's ovulation.

If you are pregnant and smoking cannabis then there is a huge risk that your baby will be born smaller than you expected is this fair to put your unborn child through this risk also if you are a heavy user of any type of drug and are pregnant then there is a risk that your unborn child will also become addictive to the drug. Heavy users of cannabis will also find it very hard to concentrate & learn. All these risks and effects—are they worth it what do our kids find interesting and good about these or are they not being taught about the risks it could have on the child at school or even at home.

How easy do 14-19 year olds think it is to get hold of cannabis ?

What does the public think about why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

When researching this topic I decided to do a questionnaire in that questionnaire I included how easy do 14-19 year olds think it is to get hold of cannabis in which they called it a 'draw' the reaction I got was surprising. As 7 out of the 18 people I asked said very easy 3 said easy and 2 said quite easy. Overall that is more than half that think it

is easy to get hold of cannabis. So is cannabis being raised to a class B making much of a difference or is it something that society hasn't done right? Personally I think that kids these days have nothing to do they are constantly getting bad publicity and not congratulated on all the good things that they do these days. Getting hold of

cannabis is obviously not a problem for these young kids so why are we as a society allowing it we have all the resources nowadays so why cant we do anything for these young people?.

Why do people think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis? - Survey

Most of the people I asked when I handed out a survey for smokers of cannabis and non-smokers most people responded to it as there is nothing to do so last resort of boredom is why they think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis and the others had wrote they think this age group smoke cannabis because of peer pressure and this is were there age group 'peers' which means people of the same

age like friends pressure there friends or people of the same age into smoking cannabis when they may not want to. However most 14-19 year olds that wrote they smoke cannabis said they smoked it for there own curiosity and because they were bored and didn't think they were pressured into cannabis. So what is the truth to why 14-19 year olds smoking cannabis and is it too late to do anything now? Well person-

ally I think there is not enough activities for children to do these days and especially at this age group being pressured into what options to do at school and exams coming up going through puberty and starting to become more daring maybe if we gave them something to be daring to like competitions to take part in then they wouldn't have to smoke cannabis



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Questionnaire

Research into why people smoke cannabis and how to stop people from smoking the illegal drug has been carried out for ages and has become a fast growing problem to today's society.

When I Amy Haines decided to carry out a questionnaire to ask 14-19 year olds if they smoked cannabis the reaction I got of those young people were that they didn't consider the complications consequences & negative sides of smoking cannabis most young people who smoke cannabis had said they do know the consequences of smoking cannabis and they think they have had enough information on the illegal drug, however they may know this information and be aware of what can happen I believe they just don't take it seriously. The

most common age group that had filled it out was 16-17 year olds this tells us that today's kids are smoking cannabis at a younger age 1 person had said that they had tried cannabis at the young age of 8 years old. So what is making our babies resort to cannabis for fun is there something society can do? Do you blame the parents government or simply the child. When I had asked the kids what they think can be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis the majority of them said more talks and campaigns in schools & health risks given out and awareness about the illegal drug whereas nearly half said they think nothing can be done. I got the impression that these Kids smoking cannabis are the ones

that walk the street with nothing to do. I also think that kids these days have nothing to do therefore they smoke cannabis and also because they are pressured or not so much as nowadays they want to try it to know what it is like and then because there friends are smoking it they then think that there is nothing else to do. I also felt the kids smoking cannabis feel as if there is nothing no one can do and don't want anything done as they are wrapped up in smoking cannabis and believing that they love it when the truth is they don't.



What is liked and disliked about cannabis?

When I handed out the questionnaire one of the questions I asked about smoking cannabis was what do the 14-19 year olds like and dislike about smoking cannabis. The people that do smoke cannabis had many different answers but overall they all come under the same thing they enjoy the buzz they get from the drug and some even said that it

chills them out when there is nothing else to do. When asked what they dislike about smoking cannabis again the same kind of result came back that they don't like the paranoia they get from the chemical. Some non-smokers of cannabis had said that they don't like the smell of cannabis. Overall they think there are some good points to smoking cannabis and some negative points about smoking the

drug. On television there is a new advert out campaigned to stop smoking cannabis and any drugs really it is made by talk to frank and the advert is really interesting as it goes through all the stages that a person goes through when smoking cannabis things such as paranoia, 'munchies' and giggles this advert helps non-smokers to understand what people go through when they are 'buzzing' (when smoked cannabis).

Do all there friends smoke cannabis?

Again when I handed out the questionnaire when I gathered the results I was shocked to see that most of the smokers of cannabis 3 said yes all there friends smoke cannabis 3 said most and 3 more said some of there friends smoke cannabis is this the reason why young children get hooked on cannabis as they hang around with the wrong crowd as there friends smoke cannabis then they would be tempted more

often to smoke the illegal substance. another 2 people said they didn't know whether all there friends smoke cannabis well if they didn't know if there friends are smoking cannabis then surely neither would there parents/guardians? Do parents/guardians know they smoke cannabis?

This new generation is getting all the bad publicity but what about the children that don't smoke cannabis, don't drink

and don't smoke, We should not be criticising our kids but helping them as it may be today's obsession with money to why we forget about our kids and there needs to have a laugh now and again and to be recognized for the good things they achieve.



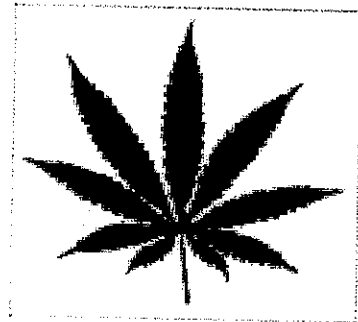
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Why do 14-19 year olds smoke Cannabis?

Questions and Answers?
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The importance of this issue is so big as it is becoming a huge problem not only in the U.K. but also around the world. Research into why the age group of 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis has been researched and overall I believe it is because they are bored there is nothing for them to do and because of peer pressure because generally when I asked that question it was because they wanted to find out the effects for themselves. If you smoke cannabis or are worried about someone who does then www.talktofrank.co.uk is a very good site with advice and support on any drug users.

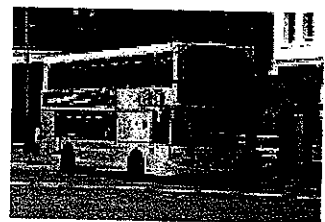


What can be done?

So what can be done to stop these young people from smoking cannabis? Personally I believe that more activities should be made for young people to do things such as free swimming lessons or not lessons just a free time where they can hang out with their friends and chill this way. Also things such as more activities around their local areas yes they have youth clubs but they never get the funding they need to let young people choose what they want to do as they want to go places such as Thorpe park or camping things they may never have been before. Overall I think the reason why today's kids smoke cannabis or have tried the illegal drug is because they have nothing to do so do we want to stop our rehabs from getting full then let us as a society do something about it the government may be worried that it is credit crunch and recession but we will be saving money when the drug dealers aren't overcrowding and building more prisons. Free buses should also be provided and not just for the popular London area but all over the country for under 19 year olds so that they can go places without having to ask and save as buses these days are becoming very expensive but

also for people who travel all day on different buses who cannot afford to travel to and from school or college. Another way of getting kids out and about instead of on the streets are things such as the park they have in Braintree 'go ape' however people may not be able to get there and be able to afford the cost of travel and entry fee this should get kids exercising focusing on other things and having fun what they should be doing it is a park where they are all set challenges such as rock climbing abseiling. On the questionnaire someone had wrote that they should find all the drug dealers and arrest them we wish the police could is it possible? Surely there can be even harsher penalties for drug dealers that are dealing this harmful sub-

stance to our kids? But even so if there were harsher penalties would this stop them personally I don't think it will I say we give drug dealers a run for their money and show the kids a better



time for no cost.



The reasons for why I chose what I chose

What I chose to help me with my project

For my background information to help me answer my key question I did a questionnaire for 14-19 year olds asking them various questions about cannabis however this did not help answer my question as much as I wanted therefore I also done a survey asking people who also dont smoke cannabis what they think make 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis. My background information included things like what is cannabis & how it is consumed I done this so that parents or other people can get a better understanding of what it is and how it is used. I also chose to research some statistics this is so I have something to also back me up with why I think that smoking cannabis is a growing problem & also so it can help me know how many young people do it. In my news paper article I included the re-classification of cannabis, I felt it important that this was included in my news paper article to inform people if they already didn't know and understand then hopefully everyone should be able to if they didn't already know about the re-classification so the people who are in possession or even take drugs understands, and knows the consequences of there crime.

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Why I chose to do a newspaper article & the headline

As an artefact I done a newspaper article because I thought it was easier because I would not have to remember lines & stuff for a play I also thought it would be more interesting as you can choose the snappy headlines that would either make someone laugh or that would make a person think more. I also chose it in this form as it is a more fun way of presenting it however whilst still trying to deliver a serious case in a manner that can be serious but also not to bore the readers reading the information on the newspaper. I kept my key question as my heading to the newspaper as I wanted it in big & bold letters so people could clearly see what the newspaper was writing about also because it I what I am writing about therefore I feel I would be lying to the readers if I named it something else as that is not what my question is.

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The reasons for the type of language I chose

Well recognised newspaper's choose different types of writing and language for example The sun uses simple language so that everyone can read it and also because it gets straight to the point whereas The Independent uses a lot of terminology and terms that some people may not be able to understand. The language in which I chose was more like The Sun's newspaper because I felt that the independent was very formal and many words used in this particular paper is sometimes

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terminology. I didn't want to use this type of language as I felt that as not everyone understands it, it isn't fair as this issue should relate to everyone and also because there isn't a particular type of class that it relates to it relates and is there to inform everyone so if I were to do it as the independent then not everyone not will be able to understand it, whereas as I done simple language so that everyone can understand then hopefully everyone should be able to understand how it is written. On the first page for a heading I wrote shocking statistics and the re-classification on cannabis the reason to why I chose this sub-heading was because it is simple language for everyone one can understand. I also wrote on the same page as a sub-heading what actually is cannabis the reason I chose this was because it is exactly what I shall be writing up and again its simple terminology I chose to write it in a small box because it is complicated trying to explain cannabis as there is quite a bit of terminology on cannabis therefore I didn't want to bore the readers as I want it to be a simple newspaper that gives the facts opinions, views and gets straight to the point where everyone can understand. On the second page I used the sub heading interesting interview I chose this because it is alliteration and should get the readers attention also because it was interesting in the results I got back. Again for most of the sub headings I wrote what I wrote because it is simply what im explaining or talking about they are short & simple headings that get straight to the point rather than giving mixed signals to people where they may think it's on about something else or get the wrong end of the stick.

The Layout I chose for the newspaper article

The layout I chose was so it didn't bore the reader as I chose to do it red & pink so it would also catch the reader's eye. When I researched the statistics I couldn't get the specific question a percentage as the ages ranged for example it was 11-19 etc & therefore I still put this in as I still found it helpful as it was younger I found it shocking that people as young as 11 have smoked cannabis and this may go on & shock the readers to agreeing with me that something has to be done. The websites I used were reliable as they are well-known and recognized by a lot of people & M-band2 organizations such as the www.directgov.co.uk as this is the government website therefore this is reliable as it is what our government has put in place things such as the change from cannabis from being a class C to a class B this is were I got the information from. I chose to write about the statistics first as I felt that this can back up my evidence that the age of people smoking cannabis is going lower and also as I felt if readers read this first then it may shock them like it shocked me & want to read on also because I feel they should now what a growing serious problem it's becoming. I then chose to write also about the law on cannabis this is so that people that may not know it has been re-classified then they should know about it and the consequences of there crime if there is any. On

the same page I also chose to write up what actually is cannabis this I felt should be included on the first page so that people who don't know much about it just know that it is an illegal drug should be informed what is in the drug & what part do they use. On the second page I then wrote about the interview I done with an anonymous source what I and the other person said what they think about smoking cannabis etc... I thought that this is important to include in the 2nd page as it isn't front page as I wanted to put the facts on the front page first then my own research that is why I put the interview second as I felt that the research I done was interesting and so it gave people an inside look of why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis. On the same page I also chose to do about how easy 14-19 year olds think it is to get hold of cannabis? The reason I putting this on the second page was because it also backs up the re-classifications of cannabis as the majority of people said easy. This is a question that I also put into my questionnaire so it gives an inside look of what types of questions I asked in my questionnaire this will also may people think what can they do to help stop people from getting hold of cannabis e.g. harsher sentences etc... It also helps answer my key question as it may be easy to get hold of therefore people aged 14-19 years old are more likely to smoke than drink if they think its easier and then may get cannabis all the time and become hooked as this may be a reason to why they smoke it. On the same page I also wrote at the bottom why do people think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis? I put this on the second page because its important however I didn't put it first because the information and evidence to back some of it up was on the first page therefore this question was second it is a bit like my key question however its not just asking what I think but also what people wrote on the survey as most people thought the same as why I thought 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis because they follow there peers and because of boredom. On page three I then wrote about the questionnaire I handed out as a whole & put the key questions I wrote in there as I didn't want to bore the readers with every question as some of them wasn't effective. I chose to do this on the third page as I wanted all the facts and information about cannabis on the first two pages and my own research and some opinions that I have of what they wrote. Also on the 3rd page what is liked & disliked about cannabis this is also the results I got from my questionnaire I handed out I put this on the 3rd page as it's not as important as the other stuff I put on first and also so that it helps other people understand the positives and negatives about smoking cannabis also so that the people who also recognise some of the negatives or positives can relate to this and maybe reassure them that they are not the only person that feels that. On the same page I also wrote Do all there friends smoke cannabis? This is also from my questionnaire I handed out I wrote this as some people may smoke cannabis because there friends do therefore they may smoke it because they do and this can also help me answer my key question I put this on the 3rd page because if, a parent or guardian knows that there daughter/son's friend/s smoke cannabis & they think that there daughter

our son is dead against cannabis then they may be lying and therefore this is to help people watch out. On the last page I wrote what can be done? This is on the last page because it is after I have answered and put my views and opinions on the newsletter and shown all my evidence and research, statistics and background information on cannabis then I will then say how I think and others think what can be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis a bit like the last resort so it is on the last page. I chose to do the newspaper article on publisher because it has many designs for a newspaper article and I wanted it to look nice instead of me sticking and gluing things and it end up looking a big mess I also found it easier to do and put together at the end. The font I used was comic sans I chose this because it is fun looking I could have chose times roman however I felt this is more for the look of the independent as it is more formal than fun and I also did the font size size 8 this is so I could fit more on however not that small so that the readers found it difficult to read it.

Images I chose and why

For the first page on my newspaper article I chose to put next to what actually is cannabis a picture of a cannabis plant this is so people can see what it looks like and so they clearer understanding of the cannabis plant. On the 2nd page underneath where I wrote why do people think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis I put an image of a cannabis farm there because I felt that again this also helps give people a better understanding of what a cannabis farm looks like and an amount this big is again a growing problem for today. On the 3rd page of the newspaper article I also added next to were I wrote as my heading Questionnaire I then put a picture of a young man smoking cannabis this is so people can see how commonly it is used and so they can see how young some people are. On the last page were I wrote what can be done? There is a picture of a number 25 bus in reading this is to give an effect that wouldn't we rather know were I kids are going rather than on the streets and underneath that there is a picture of kids at a theme park laughing this is also to give an effect that kids can also have fun other places and they don't need cannabis.

Why I done a questionnaire & a survey

The reason for me doing a survey was because I felt that the questionnaire didn't answer my question I wanted and also because I thought of a new question to also ask non-smokers of cannabis it was why do they think 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis? This question I felt was good because some non-smokers have there strong views and opinions on people smoking cannabis and they may

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have a clearer view on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis whereas people who do smoke cannabis say they smoke it because they enjoy it & like the feeling. When I handed out the survey & questionnaire I went to the youth club in my area I have never been before & I asked people how old they are & if they were under 16 I would also give them a consent form for there parent/guardian to fill out then give them a questionnaire the people who are older filled it out they also asked what it was for, I explained to them I was doing a project at college & the question I was answering and researching was why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis I had pens so they could fill them out it only took them a few moments however I felt as when there friends were with them they may have been showing off and not taking it seriously as there friends were there. I felt this because some of the things written on the questionnaires were not serious. Also because some people rushed there's and then ran of to catch up with there friends however many people did take it seriously and I appreciated this as some of them also smoke cannabis & they were very truthful and honest when it came down to it & some people who smoke it everyday was saying that they do want to cut down & stop. When doing the questionnaire I approached people by saying "excuse me have you got a few minutes" if so I would then say "are you over 16 if no give them a parent consent form ask them if they can get there parent to sign it & if 16 or over then I would then say can you fill out this questionnaire for me please its for a project I am researching at college to do with why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis & what people think about cannabis." The reason to why I chose to tell them what it is for is because I think they should know as they are filling it out for me and I also told them that it is confidential and no-one will know whose questionnaire is whose and no one they know will see what they wrote as it is all confidential.


Another website I found quite useful was www.bbc.co.uk this is because I got some statistics from this site and it is very reliable as many people use it & also because it is a very respectable and useful company. I also chose to write about what happens when you are caught with possession as I was hoping this may shock some readers as the result of it and there reaction to the consequences to smoking or possessing cannabis.

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Why do 14-19 year olds smoke Cannabis




Why did I choose this topic and this specific question?
How I chose to lay out my newspaper article, why did I?

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WHAT I RESEARCHED

- Statistics – cannabis is the most common consumed illegal drug in the U.K. - in 2000, cannabis was the most widely used drug among 11-19 year olds.
- How cannabis is consumed
 - > Blunt
 - > 'Joint, spliff, zoot'
 - > Bong etc...



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WHAT I RESEARCHED PART 2

- What is cannabis – part of female plant carinabis sativa – dried mature flowers & subtending leaves of pistillate
 
- What does the law say about cannabis – reclassification harsher penalties dealing maximum of 14 years and unlimited fine.


PRIMARY RESEARCH

- Questionnaire – why I chose to do one – there perspectives
- How I handed them out and where who to
- What type of questions I asked
- What answers did I get back
- Overall how effective I thought it was
- Survey – why I chose to do one
- What questions were on there
- What answers – boredom and peer pressure
- How effective was that

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHY I INCLUDED THESE THINGS

- What I included
 - > What is cannabis
 - > Re-classification & Statistics
 - > What do they like and dislike about cannabis & do all there friends smoke cannabis
 - > Questionnaire
 - > Survey
 - > What can be done
 - > How easy do 14-19 year olds think it is to get hold of cannabis?
 - > Risks and effects of smoking cannabis



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OVERALL HOW I FELT THINGS WENT- QUESTIONNAIRE, SURVEY, STATISTICS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

- Not taken seriously
- Not accurate statistics
- Interesting and helpful newspaper article
- Non smokers of cannabis perspective

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WHAT WOULD I DO DIFFERENTLY NEXT TIME

- ⊙ Different age
- ⊙ Interview
- ⊙ More time for certain things
- ⊙ Maybe different question



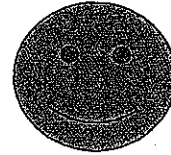
HOW WOULD I FURTHER THE PROJECT

- ⊙ If I were to take this project and further it I would write a letter to parliament giving ideas and mine & others thoughts on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis.
- ⊙ Activities- free bus trips to places such as 'Go Ape', Thorpe park – so kids can get there adrenaline rush somewhere else.

Skills I learnt and developed

- ⊙ How to communicate better by approaching people
- ⊙ What sources are reliable
- ⊙ How to research better
- ⊙ Learnt more about cannabis – effects, risks what it is

Thank you for listening



By Amy Haines

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Review – LO4

My Research question

My research question was why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis I chose this question because I felt that this was a growing problem in society but not only in England but all over the nation and even some statistics I gathered were from America therefore it is not only a problem here in the U.K but also international.

A summary of what I did

To help me research about my key question I did some background information things such as what is cannabis, how people consume it, the re-classification on cannabis, what are the risks and effects of smoking cannabis. I included these as I felt I needed to know more about the drug and also so when I came to do my newspaper article I would have a better understanding because if I wasn't fully clear on what cannabis is and what the law is now then how would I be able to explain it to my readers I added some of my background information as I felt that it was important that people understood and knew more about cannabis before they had a view or opinion. In some background information I also added statistics this helps back up my view that it is becoming a problem that needs solving as a high majority of young people smoke cannabis or have at least tried it the reason to why I also felt that I wanted to add statistics but also because it is hard evidence and is an accurate account of figures and therefore instead of placing my own view and opinion I could include facts. I then for primary research made a questionnaire for people aged 14-19 years old to fill out to do this I went to the youth club local to me I had never been before so that in itself was a new experience I also then approached people in a polite manner when they were outside the youth club and asked if they had a few minutes to spare so they could fill out my questionnaire, however I first asked there age as if they were under 16 then they had to have a consent form for there parent/guardian to fill out although most of them were over 16. Some asked what the questionnaire was about and what for I answered saying I m doing a project at college on why do 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis this is all confidential and your parents/guardians will also not be able to see what you have wrote. When they filled it out and gave it back to me I put them straight into my bag. I done a questionnaire to see how many 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis what is the age they mostly start at why they who smoke cannabis smoke it and whether or not they think there is anything anyone can do to stop people from smoking cannabis. I then done a survey because I felt that some people didn't take it as seriously as I would have liked as most of them who smoked cannabis said they smoke cannabis because they like it and because it gives them a 'buzz' this may be true but what is the real reason why do people start what attracts such a young age? Therefore for my survey I also asked non-smokers of cannabis why they think that 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis and the outcome was better. For the project I had to think how I was going to present all the research and information I collected so I decided to do it as a newspaper article I chose this because I felt it gave a more vibe I had been typing all the time for my research and essay so I wanted to add some colour, some pictures and headings. In my newspaper article I included a picture of a cannabis farm, a young man smoking cannabis joint and kids at a theme park having fun laughing. I then wrote an essay to explain why I chose what I chose and why I did the things I did it's basically an explanation of my newspaper article on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis and why I chose the research I chose to do. When planning my project I knew wanted-sector I wanted to focus on the justice sector as this is

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the sector I want my career in and I found most interesting I chose to do about cannabis as it is the most common illegal drug. However when planning I wanted to do why do young people smoke cannabis as I wanted it to be a variety from as young as 11-21 although it had to be more specific so I chose 14-19 year olds as this is the age that I thought that smoke cannabis more and may start as 11-19 years is a very wide range and I had felt that this is maybe a bit to wide. I then had to choose how I wanted to present it and this took a little while as I wasn't sure whether to do just an essay or a artefact and in the end I thought by doing a newspaper article I felt that it would interest people a lot more and will be broken down into sections and fast and easy to read as a essay may start to go on for a bit to long with everything I would have put in. I also wanted to show some colour into it and be a bit creative. Also when planning what background information I wanted to research and add in to it I felt that it was important to include about the re-classifications as it is important that people who don't know anything about cannabis should get a better understanding about it, I also thought it was necessary to include what cannabis is and the effects & risks of smoking cannabis as people both who do and don't smoke cannabis may not know exactly what it is as people who smoke it may not know what they are smoking and may not have been taught in school what the risks are from smoking cannabis as when I handed the questionnaire out & one of the questions were do you think there is enough information and awareness given to people at school about smoking cannabis most said no. Therefore by adding the basic knowledge of the effects, risks and what cannabis is will hopefully help people understand and know more knowledge either of what they are doing to themselves or there friends and what it can do as a result of smoking cannabis.

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Conclusion

The conclusion I have come to are that I cannot assume that everyone is going to take this matter as serious as I have and not everyone is going to take the questionnaire as serious as I hoped or even fill it out for me. The same really goes for the survey I conducted I also think that you can't always think that the statistics you want aren't going to be specific as they range and specific to your question you wanted.

Objectives I achieved as well as those I did not with an account as to why they were not achieved

My objectives were to learn how to approach people and not become embarrassed or shy I felt I achieved this as I was on my own handing them out as well and most of the people I asked were nice and asked what it was for I approached them in a serious but friendly polite manner and smiled when said hello and goodbye I did not get shy or embarrassed as one person who also filled out a questionnaire I knew and I also kept saying to myself be confident.

I also felt that I achieved researching a difficult subject as I found loads of helpful websites and other people's opinions or views that helped me in a different way to help me make up my mind on certain issues. The reason to why I felt I achieved this objective is because I felt that I had done a lot of research and that I got good results out of them in helping me to answer my key question.

An objective I thought that I hadn't achieved was to help make children aged 14-19 years old realise the harm and effects cannabis can have on them at a young age. I felt that I didn't achieve this in my questionnaire because they still wrote at the end things such as I love weed and when asked if they were going to stop smoking cannabis they still said no etc... I didn't reach this because they didn't

listen or because they came back saying they still want to smoke cannabis and also because they haven't had that much information on cannabis at schools.

What I have learnt through researching my key question

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I have learnt the penalties of the re-classification of cannabis and how smoking cannabis can damage your health and the risks of smoking cannabis. I also learnt about how people consume cannabis and what it actually is. Another thing I learnt was how to carry out a survey and a questionnaire in an appropriate way asking appropriate questions. I also learnt that not everything goes as according to plan as I couldn't gather the statistics relating exactly to my question and the age I had set. When I researched about cannabis this taught me that many different websites say different things therefore the website needs to be reliable. I also learnt that not everyone takes smoking cannabis seriously and think that some of the things I researched such as the risks of smoking cannabis are serious and not everyone cares or knows the things that I have researched.

The skills I have developed

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The skills I have developed are things such as how to research certain things such as how to research statistics as you need a reliable source. I also developed a skill that allows me to approach people when asking them to fill out the questionnaire and also what websites are more appropriate to use and what images can make an effect to add to my newspaper article. I also developed about research that when researching in a search engine to put in key words but be quite specific so I can get the right results for my project and in order to answer my key question.

What I would do differently next time

If I did the project again I would ask an older age group as I don't think that the age group I chose to it as serious as I would have hoped. I would also have handed out my questionnaire and survey out earlier as some people didn't have a chance to get the consent forms filled out as there parents/guardians were on holiday so they didn't get chance to fill out the questionnaire or survey. I would also have chose a different questions as there is no real answer to the question I chose because every 14-19 year old that smokes cannabis has there own reasons to why they smoke cannabis however the majority of people felt it was because there is nothing else to do and peer pressure and this is also my opinion because they are bored. Although this subject and question has educated me and was very interesting. Next time I would also do an interview so I could get a serious view on a long term smoker of cannabis and so others could get an understanding of both the negative sides and what the smoker of cannabis thinks if there are any positive sides of smoking cannabis.

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If I were to take this project further how would I develop it?

If I was to take this project further and making it become a real issue that I have researched then I would write to the prime minister Gordon Brown and raise the issue and show him that I have ideas of how we can help kids to have fun instead of smoking cannabis. I would also go to my local youth centre and get a petition on more activities and free local transport and activities for people aged 14-19 years old & maybe even younger such as 11-19 years old I would then get people who think it is a good idea to sign the petition and send it to Gordon Brown. Then I would also tell Gordon Brown that people as young as 12 needs more education on Cannabis and as the years go on further the

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drugs onto stronger substances such as Heroin and Cocaine etc... As I think that children these days do not get enough information or health warnings on drugs and that is society scared to admit there is a problem these days and that they don't want to admit that it is becoming a bigger problem to not only adults but to our 'babies'.

A Summary of Feed back on the presentation I done about my Project

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When I done my presentation I included things like what I done to research my key question and why I chose to include the things I did. I also added things such as what I thought went well and what I thought didn't go as well. I had to design my feedback sheet myself the heading I chose was feedback from presentation in big letters with shading in the background I done this so that it doesn't look as boring and adds a bit of a different style of writing. I then wrote how you think my presentation went please comment: I then asked 4 questions these were:

Do you think I done well on my project please explain why you chose yes or no

I chose to ask them this question because I wanted there opinion on my project and how they felt I done by what they have seen. Everyone had written yes and they either said that I had explained everything and straight to the point or that I have got loads of information that was relevant. This tells me that they were pleased with what I have done for my project so far and this encourages me to do even better.

How do you think my presentation went explain what you wrote please?

I added this question because I wanted to know how my peers felt my presentation went and what my presentation skills were like. Some people however crossed out presentation and wrote project. Most people wrote they felt that it went well as they said I had given enough information and was prepared to help me answer my key question whereas the others who kept to the presentation wrote that they felt that I spoke clear and loud and explained everything well.

What do you think could be improved on my presentation?

I felt that this question was important to be added as if people say no they don't think that my presentation was good then suggestions of how I could improve it would help me to improve in the future. Again some people crossed out presentation and replaced it with project. 4 out of the 5 that wrote project said nothing could be improved 1 said less information and 2 out of the 5 that kept it as presentation wrote less information/slides, 2 more said nothing.

What do you think I could do to improve my overall project & what do you think about the choice of question I chose?

I asked this question because I would like to know what my peers thought about the choice of question I chose, and I wanted to know how they felt my project went overall. Most people wrote that they felt that it was an interesting question asked and that I don't need to improve anything and that it was well-known and that the question was really good as there are a lot of young people smoking cannabis.

At the end I then wrote Thank you for taking your time to fill this out Good Luck! Overall I think that the feedback I got was good and I couldn't of hoped for better feedback as it has encouraged me to do more and even better. I m happy with my choice of question as I felt that not only myself but by me doing my presentation it has made people think and find this subject interesting in all the research I have gathered. Most of the feedback I got had said well done and the only thing I need to improve is less information which isn't a huge problem.

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Bibliography

Information on how cannabis is consumed some of the information I collected was from www.wikipedia.org I also got the picture of marijuana from this site.

The picture of the Bong I collected from www.bongsupply.com

The picture of the 'spliffs' I gathered from news.bbc.co.uk

I also got the picture of the blunt from www.newsgrounds.com

Information on what the law say's about cannabis I also gathered a picture of a 'spliff' from the website www.professionalsmoker.co.uk and another picture of a cannabis farm from www.dailymail.co.uk I also got information on the new law about cannabis from www.directgov.co.uk and on www.bbc.co.uk I gathered statistics about how many young people smoke cannabis.

I gathered another picture of a 25 bus from www.images.google.co.uk

A picture of a woman smoking a cannabis joint on the last page of the newspaper I got from www.smink.it

A picture of a man smoking a cannabis joint on the 3rd page of the newspaper from www.guardian.co.uk

The picture of many forms of cannabis I collected from mdaat.org.uk

A picture of someone rolling a cannabis joint on the 3rd page of the newspaper I gathered from www.bbc.co.uk

I also added a picture of an animated cannabis leaf I got from www.featurepics.com

Another picture I gathered was of teenagers laughing at a theme park on the last page I got this from www.superstock.com

On the title page I added a picture saying law in red this is so that it gives people an understanding of what I am also researching I gathered it from www.limacharlie.org

Also on the title page I added a picture of a cannabis plant I got this from www.dailymail.co.uk

www.beaut1ful.wordpress.com this is were I got the picture of a confused face on my title page.

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To help me choose what I wanted to do I looked in the society health and development level 2 higher diploma Elizabeth Haworth, Beth, Allen, Carol Forshaw, Denise Nicol, Anne Vollbracht.

I also looked up the laws & re-classifications from the website www.directgov.co.uk another website that I researched was www.wikipedia.org and the bbc.co.uk website I also used www.hupages.com, www.healthinparliament.org and www.gdcada.org as well as www.parentingteens.about.co.uk

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Feedback from presentation

How do you think my presentation went please comment:

- Do you think I done well on my project please explain why you chose yes or no
yes it was very good and interesting it was very well presented with lots of information. was also very confident.
- How do you think my ^{project} presentation went explain what you wrote please
very well was confident and spoke clearly and was very well prepared.
- What do you think could be improved on my ^{project} presentation?
N/A
- What do you think I could do to improve my overall project and what do you think about the choice of question I chose?
There is nothing overall that needs to be improved. The choice of question was very good and also something different to write about.

Thank you for taking your time to fill this out Good Luck !

Feedback from presentation

How do you think my presentation went please comment:

- Do you think I done well on my project please explain why you chose yes or no
yes, you gave out clear details on everyone

- How do you think my presentation went explain what you wrote please
it went well because your communication skills were really good.

- What do you think could be improved on my presentation?
less slides lol

- What do you think I could do to improve my overall project and what do you think about the choice of question I chose?

I think the question you choose were really good.

Thank you for taking your time to fill this out Good Luck !

Feedback from presentation

How do you think my presentation went please comment:

- Do you think I done well on my project please explain why you chose yes or no
Yes, because you have clearly identified what you have done for your project.

- How do you think my ^{project} presentation went explain what you wrote please
Good, because you have research lot of information which is related to your project.

- What do you think could be improved on my ^{project} presentation?
N/A

- What do you think I could do to improve my overall project and what do you think about the choice of question I chose?
I think there is nothing to improve on your project because it has already got lot of information.
I think the choice of question you chose was good because it is something different ~~from others~~ from others.

Thank you for taking your time to fill this out Good Luck !

ADZ

Questionnaire on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

Are you female or male? Female

How old are you? 17

Do you smoke cannabis & if so how old was you when you first tried it? 17

How often do you smoke it & how much of it? one puff a day or one a week

What first attracted you to cannabis? e.g. the smell, peer pressure well I liked the smell and the buzz chilled me out

Do all of your friends smoke cannabis? no

How easy would you say it is to get hold of cannabis? quite easy really

Why do you smoke it? (think about it)

because it relaxes me and get me to sleep

What do you like about smoking cannabis and what don't you like about it?

I like the buzz, I don't like that it makes me paranoid

What do you think could be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis?

Find all the main dealers and arrest them

Do you think there is enough information and awareness given at school about cannabis? yes

Are you prepared to stop smoking cannabis if no please explain why?

in the next 3 months because of my career

What age range and gender would you say smoke cannabis more? 13-14 year olds

Any further comments:

weed shouldn't be a class B drug because there is a lot of positive things about it. It chills you out, it gets you too sleep, it cures arthritis

Amy Haines

ASL

Questionnaire on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

Are you female or male? female

How old are you? 17

Do you smoke cannabis & if so how old was you when you first tried it?
Yes, 13/14

How often do you smoke it & how much of it?
once a week, 3/4 joints

What first attracted you to cannabis? E.g. the smell, peer pressure
Something told TO GET CHILLED BGT

Do all of your friends smoke cannabis? most

How easy would you say it is to get hold of cannabis? easy

Why do you smoke it? (Think about it)
To chill, when there's nothing else to do.

What do you like about smoking cannabis and what don't you like about it?
makes you laugh, gives you different perspective on life. Dislike the nervousness/panic & irritation.

What do you think could be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis?
other activities, more clubs available to our age.

Do you think there is enough information and awareness given at school about cannabis? No

Are you prepared to stop smoking cannabis if no please explain why?
one day when i can be bothered.

What age range and gender would you say smokes cannabis more?
Boys 12-30

Any further comments:
"meow" kitty

Questionnaire on why 14-19 year olds smoke cannabis?

Are you female or male? male

How old are you? 15

Do you smoke cannabis & if so how old was you when you first tried it? 13

How often do you smoke it & how much of it? 2 times a week £30

What first attracted you to cannabis? e.g. the smell, peer pressure peer pressure

Do all of your friends smoke cannabis? yes

How easy would you say it is to get hold of cannabis? very easy

Why do you smoke it? (think about it)
unno

What do you like about smoking cannabis and what don't you like about it?
seeing up friends

What do you think could be done to stop 14-19 year olds from smoking cannabis?
nothing

Do you think there is enough information and awareness given at school about cannabis? no

Are you prepared to stop smoking cannabis if no please explain why?
no as I like it

What age range and gender would you say smoke cannabis more? 13 -

Any further comments:

