

DRUG PREVENTION AWARENESS ACTIVITIES 2012/13

Public Speaking: ADAG presenting a trophy to one of the winners from Athlone Community College after an internal school public speaking competition in May 2013. The standard of public speaking amongst the students was excellent.



Launch of Community Art Project on Drugs: Sgt Andy Haran speaking at the launch of an art project undertaken by the Monsignor McCarthy Family Resources Centre, Battery Heights.

The theme was "The Vision of an ideal community living in an Alcohol and Drug free environment".



Event in the Tent: Event in the Tent initiative was undertaken by ADAG as part of Midland Regional Drug Taskforce Awareness week in Athlone Civic Square. The event marked the Launch of The Parents Handbook, a resource for parents on Drugs and Alcohol, which was produced by Athlone Drug Awareness Group. It was an opportunity for services and community groups to come together to provide information, to celebrate and to showcase the good work that is being carried out throughout Athlone. There was very positive feedback on this worthwhile event.



Network chart: In January 2012 ADAG produced a Network Chart containing contact numbers and information regarding services for individuals and families affected by Drug and Alcohol misuse. The chart was kindly co funded by the MRDTF and RAPID.

Posters are currently on display in local public buildings.



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FEATURING Cocaine



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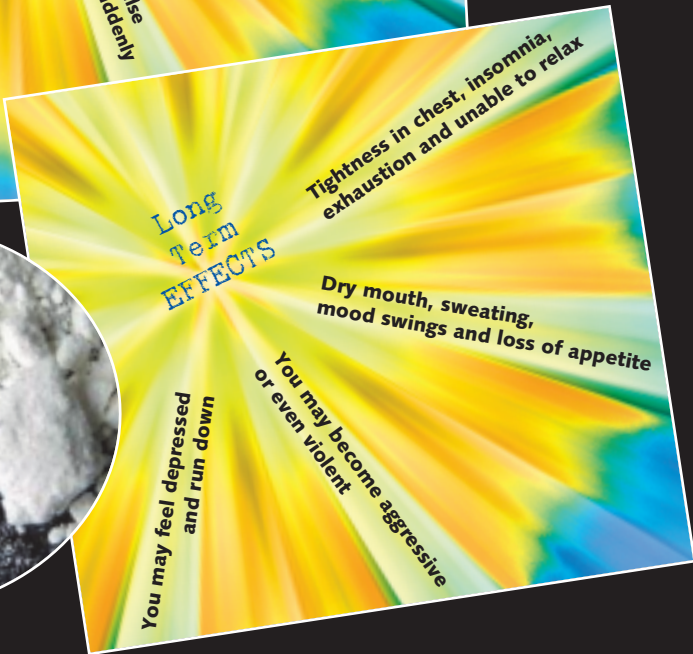
Featured Drug COCAINE

CATEGORY: STIMULANTS

Also called: snow, C, Charlie, coke, rock, dust, white Cocaine is a powerful stimulant made from the leaves of the coca bush it is commonly seen as a white powder. The majority of cocaine found on the street comes in the form of cocaine hydrochloride powder.

HOW IT'S USED

Cocaine is a strong but short acting stimulant drug ('upper') which comes in a white powder. You can divide it into lines and snort up the nose with a rolled up bank note or straw.



OTHER DANGERS

Cocaine is an addictive drug.

Risk of HIV and hepatitis if you share needles.

Mixing cocaine and alcohol makes you 24 times more likely to have a heart attack.

It can cause respiratory failure, kidney damage, strokes & brain damage.

Cocaine destroys male sexual performance and can cause impotence.

Cocaine use can put you in serious financial debt.

IF YOU ARE PREGNANT

Using cocaine during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature birth and foetal abnormalities.

WITHDRAWAL

You may feel tired, panicky, exhausted and unable to sleep, which can cause you extreme emotional and physical distress. This distress can lead to symptoms such as diarrhoea, vomiting, the shakes, insomnia and sweating. You may have long-term effects such as depression. Once you stop using you will have an intense craving for more.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Ana Liffey 1800 78 68 28

Merchants Quay 090 6498903
(Community Harm Reduction and Family Support Service)

Health Service Executive - CADS
(Community Alcohol and Drugs Service)
Athlone 090 649 1305
Mullingar 044 93 41630
Longford 043 33 46992
Tullamore 057 93 15801

Information on drugs and alcohol:
Referenced from: Cocaine the Party is Over, (HSE Publication)
www.drugs.ie

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ADAG Presenting Certificate to Westside Kick Boxing Club in the acknowledgement of the work that the club is doing for young people.

Church gate Collection: Our church gate collection was held on March the 16th and 17th 2013. The monies raised help to fund the activities of Athlone Drug Awareness group. We would sincerely like to thank all those that contributed to our cause and express our gratitude to the volunteers who willingly gave their time to man the stands

Timetables: At the start of the school year ADAG made available timetables to students in Post-Primary Schools in Moate and Athlone. The timetables are useful for students to record their class times and also it's included ADAG message.

Buccaneers Rugby Football Club
in association with
Athlone Drug Awareness & Athlone Garda

JUNIOR CERT RESULTS DISCO

Tickets €10.00
on sale through Schools

Buccaneers Rugby Football Club
on Wed 11 September 2013

DJ PAUL

Disco from 9pm - 12 Midnight
Mineral Bar Only
Right of Admission Reserved

The Annual Junior Cert celebration: This disco continues to be a major success whereby students can enjoy themselves in a safe environment.