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RAG AP
Rotary Action Group
for Addiction Prevention

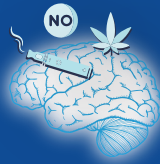
ABOUT

Rotary Action Group (RAG AP) is Rotary clubs, in partnership with local communities, taking action to prevent and reduce drug addiction. RAG-AP is supported by Rotary International and operates successfully in many countries. Partnerships are formed with schools, community groups, sporting clubs and agencies to implement actions to keep communities healthier and safer. There are also links with universities and research facilities to underpin good practice.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

PROMOTING YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH...

SAVE YOUR BRAIN
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Save Your Brain is an online drug prevention teaching and learning resource with age-appropriate modules. It includes an introductory session for school staff with ongoing mentoring opportunities for teachers and school counsellors.



Invited Speakers - presentations to school assemblies and/or year level groups – often from people who have a story to tell about their personal challenges of overcoming addiction.

There are also books written by the presenters that can be placed in school libraries and used in classroom learning environments as follow up.



Parent / Community forums - 'Let's Talk; Youth Initiated Community Forums on Drug Issues'

These interactive forums are based on key issues of local community concern:

- + 'Vaping, what you need to know'
- + Talking to your kids about drugs
- + The developing Teen Brain and impacts of alcohol and drugs
- + How to get help if your kids are experimenting with drugs
- + Solutions for families and Communities
- + Ways that people of all ages can become 'health advocates' in their communities and link with businesses/sponsors to be an effective 'voice', for making smart health choices.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Register your club at this link: rag-ap.org

Ask Club members to make connections with one or more schools in their area using an emailed or hard-copy flyer. When a school indicates interest, clubs notify RAG AP Board representatives Jo Baxter or Herschel Baker.

Club Champions confirm what is needed and costs involved with Jo. The Club would make a contribution (in full or in part) to enable schools to have the service either at a reduced cost or free of charge.

If a Community Forum is selected by a school, the Rotary Club may choose to become involved in it at some level. This could be similar to the Mental Health Forums held when this initiative was established.