

Drug Policy

Current and past drug policy have proven to be ineffective in tackling drug use, addiction and the associated problems created in society.

As a result and having researched the issue I have come to the conclusion that the best way to fight drugs is to follow a policy of harm prevention,(treating drugs as a medical rather than a criminal matter) such as that being used in Portugal and also the legalisation of recreational drugs.

By legalising drugs we will be able to exert control over an £8 to £10 billion pound industry in the UK alone. Cannabis sales will be both medicinal and recreational but skunk varieties will not be sold.

The drugs will be grown, imported or manufactured by a 100% equal share citizen owned company that produces products to the highest level of purity reducing deaths from adulteration, that sells the drugs in pre-packaged doses at a 'safe' level with health warnings on the label and as age restricted goods for people over the age of twenty one.

Harm reduction by providing doses for heroin and crack addicts etc at drop in centres that are like those in Portugal that provide non-judgemental help such as drug paraphernalia, counselling if requested, housing help and assorted other facilities

As another party policy is for the introduction of RFID chip identification, sale to people under the age of twenty one is easily avoided.

By putting the drug industry in the hands of responsible citizens we control access to drugs preventing children from using. We also take the income out of the hands of criminals and by doing so reduce the power of gangs and the lure of gang culture, reduce the incidence of knife crime, reduce the assessed amount of shoplifting and burglary to feed drug habits which stands at over £2.5 billion pounds.

The general reduction in criminality will reduce policing costs and court costs and prison costs and insurance rates for businesses and home owners.

When we have done this the money made from the drug industry can be used to help people who are addicted, to fund housing for the homeless, to pay for drugs for addicts and medical care as well as providing funding for mental health rather than just letting it go to the criminals.