

The Young Voice

I know this presentation touched a lot of people, because there were quite a few around me that were crying - Stacy (Student)

Instead of lecturing us on not doing drugs which we have heard many times before he made us aware of the faulty promises of them (Lindsey Student)

I think it changed my friends decision and mine on how fun we always thought drugs were (Student)

The part of the presentation that affected me the most was the visuals of all the kids who have now died from overdoses (Student)

I always thought that the people who end up druggies were people who weren't well off and didn't have a good life (Jenna Student)

His own experience and first hand knowledge made it very interesting to watch, not in a way of enjoyment but in realization (Student Seycove Sec.)

He was not preaching to us! He was giving us his informed opinion (Student)

I believe that the presentation had a big impact on our school because of the responses we received after he left. I hope he continues to speak to other schools and youth and get this message across (Ashley Christie, Prevention Committee Minister Hatzic Secondary - Student)

It was real moving for our school and I left with a different perspective to drug use (Student)

I found it to be real effective, it gave us a real look at what happens in the "real world" when you are a drug addict (Student)

He spoke from experience sparring no detail unlike most anti-drug presentations which are doomed down and cartoon-like (Student)

He knew how to get "Don't Buy The Lie About Getting High" into our heads. (Student)

The quiz also was an effective tool. You could see the students looking at it and keeping track of how many points they got (Student)

Because he wasn't preaching anything it made it easier to sit there and listen attentively to what he had to say (Danielle, Seycove Sec)

I like how he didn't say that we weren't allowed to do drugs, and it was our choice, he was just there to show us the truth (Steph, Seycove)

Other Voices

Fabulous, eye opening and emotional - Youth Care Worker Hatzic Sec

He speaks their language and having been right where some of them are at this moment. Addresses their feelings about drugs and where it could lead

- Mother of Addict

Education is a powerful tool to be used to redirect trends in healthcare. I believe The Courage To Change Foundation can facilitate this kind of change

- Community Developer

It's a rear moment when the staff finds their students glued to their chairs for an entire hour -Counselor
Keith Lynn Alt

Thank you for making such a positive difference in the lives of our teenagers.

- Teacher

Without a doubt, those students that needed to hear the message will have more information for them to make wiser choices in their future .For those who were not as ready to hear what was being said I believe they too left more informed and educated about the harm drugs and alcohol use/misuse can cause

(School Based Prevention Worker)

We may never know the real impact that this presentation had on our students, nor can we make their decision for them. However if we can show them the ugly side of poor decisions, lay before them choices and related consequences, continually reinforcing the positive choices, then perhaps we will be able to keep many from following the same path that Joe followed. Great Work Guys keep It Up

(Bill Gerber Director of Development Fraser Valley Adventist Academy)

The presentation is direct relevant and powerful, and made it clear that addicts come from all walks of life and from all socio-economic backgrounds. No one is immune! The presentation style does not glamorize drug use but rather gives the stark realities of the destruction that awaits those who choose to walk down the path that involves experimentation. The kids listening to your presentation were very attentive because your style is captivating and on their level-they were never preached to or talked down to

Brad Smith Guidance Counselor Pacific Academy

The feedback from staff and students was very positive and-especially from staff -enthusiastic (Marianne Hansen Counselor Seycove Sec)