**Overview**

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| **Programme/**  **Activity title** | **Drug & Alcohol Awareness** | | |
| **Rationale/**  **Purpose** | Were engaging Scout Sections in this type of learning is not seen as a traditional output for Scout groups to deliver, we cannot ignore that concerns raised around drug and alcohol are not something that is a potential concern for those young people we work beside.  Scouting Ireland groups are an organisation that holds a unique place amongst the communities it serves in terms of the intertwined connections and support that groups enable; and as such; having the capacity and ability to discuss and explore this topic area (if and when it is raised) is fulfilling a need for both young people and the communities they live in. | | |
| **Aim** | The programme acts as a ‘gateway’ to information around the potential harm and impact that Drug & Alcohol misuse can cause for individuals, families and the wider community.  It will deliver key facts and learning associated with the topic areas and present knowledge and understanding in an easily accessible way for its target audience.  It will equip young people with the confidence to make informed and positive decisions around Drug and Alcohol issues based on the understanding and knowledge imparted.  It will ensure that young people are aware of additional support and where to find this in response to the topic areas discussed. | | |
| **Method** | Group delivery  Learning based & Practical activities | **Estimated time**  **Guidance only** | 3 weeks  60min sessions |
| **Resources** | * Programme guide * Pens, pencil, paper, card, paint, and other colouring items * Other resources as directed by programme guide | | |
| **Outcomes** | * Young people will demonstrate knowledge and issues relating to misuse of caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol through completion of a range of activity. * Recognise organisations and additional support to engage with for further advice and guidance relating to these topic areas. * Demonstrate peer-to-peer and teamworking skills through completion of activities. * Grow in confidence in making positive decisions that impact on themselves in respect to the topic areas and potential issues raised.   **Scouting**   * Completion of this activity can be used as part of a Special interest badge. * This programme will add to the continued development of relationships between Scouter and group and in peer-to-peer relationship development. | | |
| **Measuring outcomes** | * Knowledge and understanding will be measured through completion of programme guide activities. * Records of attendance should be kept reporting on engagement along with Plan, Do, Review recording. * Badges awarded (if applicable) for completion of the programme. * Evaluation of the programme as completed following Plan, do, review should provide verbal/ written feedback on the impact the programme held. | | |