



**"Bridging a Brighter Tomorrow:  
Youth-Led Drug Use Prevention Efforts  
in Latin-America and the Caribbean"**



# MY PREVENTION JOURNEY.....

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# Antigua & Barbuda



**Dekryption is a club which creates a safe space for 11 to 14-year-olds to interact productively with one another, while at the same time teaching them life skills which are useful and needed in our society. The club aids in allowing its members to develop a sense of autonomy as it is filled with many engaging member-led activities.**



# Argentina



Organized by two youth-led NGOs:  
Frente Joven and Observatorio de la Dignidad

This event gathered experts, activists and engaged youth to discuss the current drug scenario in Argentina and put forward concrete actions to confront the drug industry.



# Barbados

YMCA BARBADOS  
THE YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME



A 12-WEEK PROGRAMME COVERING  
SEVERAL UNITS, INCLUDING:  
LEADERSHIP & SOFT SKILLS  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
COMMUNITY PROJECT  
FINANCIAL ETIQUETTE  
LITERACY PROJECT  
CAREER PLANNING  
PLANNING ADVOCACY



# Brazil



- **SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION CLASSES GIVEN BY GABRIELA MAIA TO 12 YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 13 TO 15, WHO LIVE IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES (FAVELAS) AND STRUGGLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE IN THE REGION.**

**THIS PROGRAM ALSO OFFERS DIFFERENT COURSES WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE.**

- **CONGRESS ON SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION - Free mind Congress**
  - **Engaging Youth in Prevention Curriculum National Training**



# Guyana



**The Guyana team came up with the initiative Zumba for adolescents, an after school program which targets the 10 Administrative regions across Guyana.**



# Trinidad



**INVOLVES 15 ACTIVE YOUTHS. SESSIONS ON SUBSTANCE USE EDUCATION ARE INCLUDED, AS WELL AS SPORTS, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, PARENT MEETINGS, HOMEWORK CENTERS, AND FIELD TRIPS**





# Peru



**4 organizations**

**Of these organizations, one successfully completed the entire course and carried out the implementation of its project with children in vulnerable situations in the suburbs**



# Suriname



- A training in which young people are equipped with various life skills in combination with sewing lessons. This promotes entrepreneurship and helps these youth in making healthy life choices.

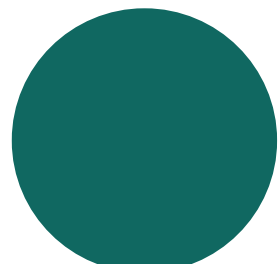
- SLH YOUTH INITIATIVE SADD PILOT PROJECT

- I AM SURINAME SPECIAL PROGRAMME

A COMBINATION OF COUNSELING & HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS LESSONS.

3 SCHOOLS IN 2023

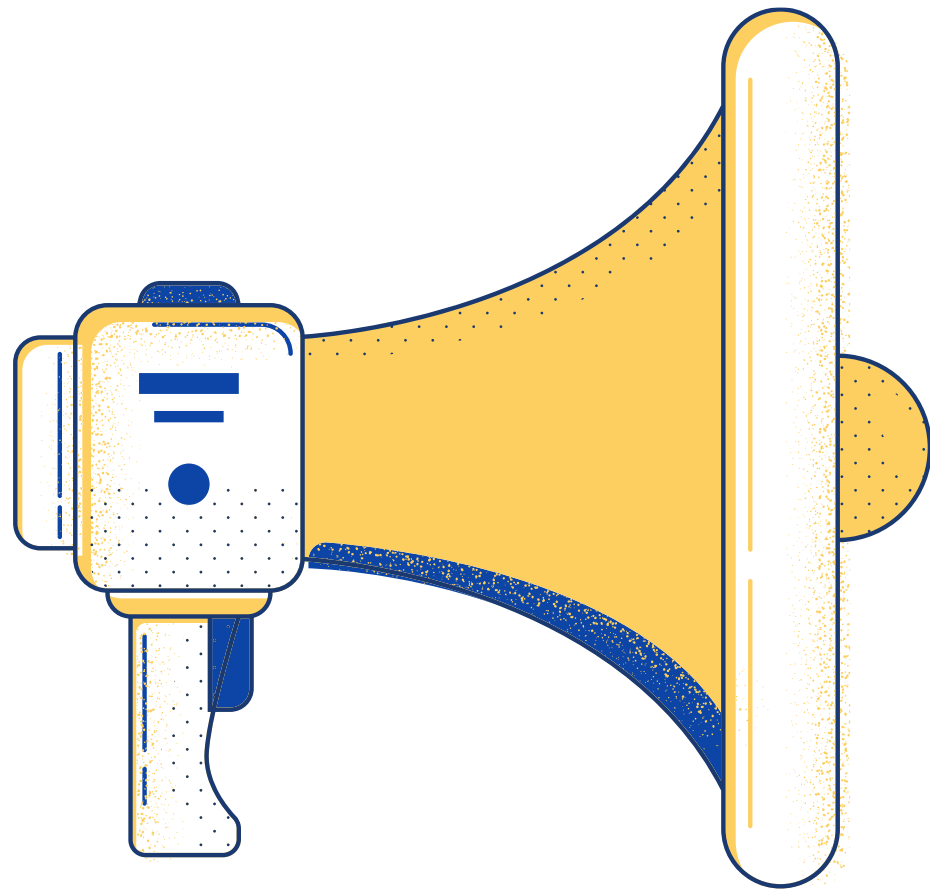
APPROXIMATELY 150 STUDENTS REACHED





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More rights  
for more people



**Youth all over the Caribbean and Latin-American countries have benefited greatly from the different training programs and youth forums.**

**A chance to be part of something bigger is often the boost young people need to fuel a vehicle of change.**



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