

ASSOCIATE

RICHARD BOXER

“Do drugs education the right way and you’ll help young people make the right choices”



With nearly 20 years of experience working in the field of drugs and drug education, Richard is your secret weapon when it comes to tackling this issue head on in a way that is positive, productive and effective.

When it comes to educating young people about drugs and alcohol, a bald, tattooed stand-up comedian is probably the last thing they would expect. But then the terrible consequences of making the wrong choices are often not what they expect either.

Richard has over twenty years’ experience working in the field of substance misuse with young people in various areas of drug support, awareness and education. He has worked across numerous drug services and more recently the Probation Service. He is a member of the national Drug Education Practitioner’s Forum and an advisor, trainer and consultant, constantly keeping himself up to date with the ever-changing drugs scene and working with young people across the UK.

For Richard, the key is to educate young people as young as possible (yes, primary schools, we mean you), educate them as well as possible in an engaging, interactive and entertaining way without talking down, moralising or finger-wagging and then continue to support them so,

when faced with a choice, they will make the healthy choice.

He is, for the record, also PTLLS and NVQ qualified and has been trained in Ofsted Section 8 and Protective Behaviours.

‘All young people have an entitlement to drug education’, is Richard’s view and, as you would expect from Independent Thinking, he makes sure this education is as engaging, entertaining and memorable as possible. ‘We cannot “drug proof” our children or young people, but we can give them the skills, knowledge and attitudes to enable them to make healthy choices and take responsibility for their own actions’ is how he describes what motivates him to the great work he does.

But don’t take his word for it, this is what previous clients have said about his work:

“Our Sixth Form students really enjoyed Richard’s workshops on drugs and alcohol: not only were they detailed, age appropriate and engaging, but he has an infectious style

which makes young people engage both with him and the topics very well. When asked by myself whether we should invite him back, every single student gave a resounding ‘yes’ answer.

“Richard’s knowledge ensured that no question went unanswered and all the staff left with a real confidence to work with young people who may be using drugs and alcohol”

“The staff commented that it was the best INSET they had attended and they were grateful for the practical teaching advice and the wealth of resources made available to them”

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Richard has been with Independent Thinking since November 2012.

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