



## VCE GLOBAL POLITICS – UNIT 2, AREA OF STUDY 1 GLOBAL THREADS AND DRUG POLICY: WORKSHEET

### LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES TO *THE WAR ON DRUGS*

#### SMARTER ABOUT DRUGS: A CONVERSATION PACK

(<https://australia21.org.au/product/smarter-drugs-conversation-pack>)

*Make notes responding to the following questions.*

*Your notes will form part of small group discussion, followed by collection of ideas working with the whole group in class.*

1. What do you think are the most important issues related to drug policy?
2. How much of a problem is alcohol? Does alcohol get ignored in this debate because it could be seen as a more 'acceptable' drug? If so, what are the issues that arise from this attitude to alcohol?
3. Make notes on the key aspects of the following examples of drug policy, giving your view as to whether they should be implemented:
  - At a local level or state level (Victoria and Australia)  
The proposal to introduce a medically supervised injecting centre in North Richmond - <https://www.vicstreetdrugsolutions.org/>
  - At an international level (The Philippines and Duterte)  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/08/thousands-demand-killings-duterte-drug-war-170821124440845.html>
4. Is harm minimisation (treating drug use as a health issue) preferable to adopting a punitive approach?
5. Do you think young people should be more involved in the development of drug and alcohol policies both locally and internationally? What perspectives could young people bring to the debate?

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