"the more I learn, the less I know for sure".....by Joe Coyte

Experts are the ones who think they know everything.

Geniuses are the ones who know they don't.

from "Simon Sinek

Who am I? and why do I have all of these questions?



#### Who did I visit in the UK, USA, Canada, Europe and The Phillipines?

WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Drug Consumption Room in Lisbon, Methadone Van in Lisbon, General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies Headquarters in Lisbon, Residential Rehabilitation Centre in Lisbon, Detoxification Facilities in Lisbon (online due to a covid outbreak), Day Program in Kensington (London), Drop-in Support Centre in Brixton (London), Day Program in London, Residential Treatment House in Wirral (near Liverpool), Intuitive Thinking Headquarters in Manchester, Edgehill University in the UK, Chris Lee Director of Strategy and Partnerships Change, Grow Lives in Manchester, Derek Heim and Rebecca Monk Edgehill University UK, Charlie Orton, SMART Recovery UK, Retired Judge David Mackie, Sheriff Iain M Fleming of Glasgow Drug Court, Jillian Matthew Performance Audit & Best Value Audit Scotland, Caledonian University staff and students, Staff and residents from Wirral Residential Rehabilitation Centre, Zack Haider from intuitivethinkingskills in Manchester, Professor Derek Heim and Professor Rebecca Monk from Edgehill University, Dr Charlie Orton, SMART Recovery UK, Chris Lee and Jackie McVan from Change, Grow Live in Manchester, Sheriff Ian Flemming, Jilian Mathew Audit Office of Scotland, Odyssey House New York, Integrity House New Jersey, Hudson County Prison including inmates in the male and female treatment programs, Housing Works Marijuana Shop in New York City's East Village, a non-profit organisation that fights homelessness and AIDS, Axel Bernabe, the inaugural Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Director for the Office of Cannabis Management, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Washington, Amistad De Los Angeles Rehabilitation program for Men, La Entrada Rehabilitation program for Women in Los Angeles, Beacon Campus of Amity Rehabilitation program for people on life sentences, Centre for Behavioural Health Statistics and Quality (USA), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (USA), Tree Circle Rehabilitation Program in Tucson Arizona, Honourable Kevin Rudd, Australian Ambassador to USA Kevin Rudd, Chesterfield County Prison, Virginia, Dr Eric Hoskins, Previous Health Minister Ontario Canada, Mike Marshall, Oregon Recovers, Auditor General's Office Ontario, Honourable Scott Ryan, Australian High Commissioner in Ottawa, Auditor General's Office British Columbia, Together We Can Rehabilitation program in Vancouver, Edgewood Rehabilitation Program in British Columbia, Chesterfield Prison, Odyssey House New Orleans, The Injecting Centre @ Kings Cross Australia, Sydney Drug Court, I have also attended 3 International Conferences on Drug and Alcohol, Addiction and research in Paris, New York, and Vancouver a part of this trip in addition to attending UNOCD in Vienna in March 2023 and speaking and attending a conference in The Philippines in February 2024.

## Drug Usage is *Complex*, common, legal and illegal.



#### Data and its reliability, its complex...



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#### How to spot misleading images online

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This is an old version of our guide to spotting misleading images, which contains some out of date information. You can find our newer version here.

<u>This image</u> was shared over the weekend, claiming to show a rally in support of far-right activist Tommy Robinson and US President Donald Trump in London on Saturday 14 July. At the time of writing it had over 7,000 retweets.

It's actually an image of people praying in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt. It <u>was taken</u> in November 2011.



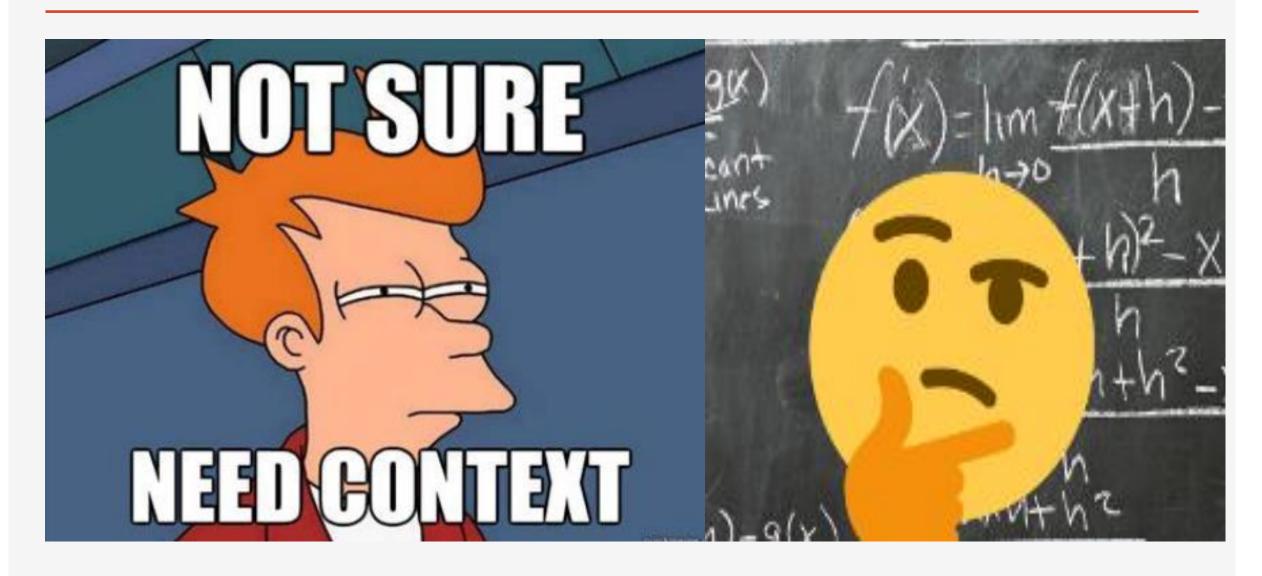
### Drug Treatment Outcomes, its complex







## Context is key in this complex area



Drug policy is complex, the more I learn the less I know for sure.



#### Legalisation or Not? My conclusion is????

It is only perhaps the need for some sort of regulation that stood out as something bordering on universal, as an unregulated approach is almost certain to create significant unwanted impacts.





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