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“Underage Drinking Rooms...a joke!!!”

The NSW Alcohol Summit has certainly taken on a new focus last night to address the serious problem of underage drinking.

A recommendation was voted on in favour of a “Safe Injecting Room” style venue where kids can go underage and consume alcohol whilst being supervised.

Youth Insearch representative and Summit Delegate 21 year old Jared Goodwin has labelled the proposal a joke.

“It is a ridiculous suggestion. This condones underage drinking and does not address the core issue as to WHY young people binge drink. It sends the wrong message to kids” said Jared.

“I am surprised that the outcomes of both the Drug and Alcohol Summits’ is to recommend safe rooms to use as the answer, this is absurd. At last years Obesity summit I am surprised they did not decide to recommend that obese people be placed in a room and fed fatty take-away food!” said Jared.

“I commend the Government for holding this Summit and I support nearly all the resolutions passed, however as a 21 year old who used to abuse alcohol and cannabis in my early teens I do not condone this” said Jared.

Since 1985, Youth Insearch has been re-building the lives of over 24,000 young people with some amazing success stories. It has been featured on 60 Minutes. A Current Affair, the 7.30 Report and the Australian Story. The founder Ron Barr was featured on “This is Your Life” 3 weeks ago.

“Youth Insearch is about giving young people the opportunity to explore amongst other issues the reasons why young people abuse alcohol. It allows them to seek positive alternatives in their lives so they can become a positive contributor to society” said Jared.

Youth Insearch currently operates throughout New South Wales, Queensland & Tasmania and caters for young people 12-20 years of age from differing backgrounds and lifestyles.

“We need to focus on WHY it is happening, not to suggest ridiculous solutions like this one” said Jared.

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