

Results of the call for activities on Myth 6 – It impacts only me

To break Myth 6, we challenged members of the Youth Initiative to spread awareness on the environmental consequences of drug use.

Friends and members of the Youth Initiative from all over the world sent a range of great contributions to break myth 6. We are proud to share with you some contributions in particular:

- ✓ The **Malawi Alcohol Policy Alliance (MAPA)** prepared a presentation on alcohol wastages and consequences for the environment in Malawi. The presentation got shared with the community to increase awareness on the effects alcohol litters have on their surrounding. Here you see a small part of the presentation:



- ✓ **Radmila from Serbia** has created a poster to inform her peers on environmental consequences:

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Myth 6 'It impacts only me'

"I have recently found an article from 2003 about a little girl Ikonija from a small town in my country who while was playing in the playground accidentally fell and stabbed herself with the dirty needle. She went straight ahead to visit doctor's office who gave her injections and told her parents that chances for getting HIV are small and that they would be able to get concrete results in 6 months. I have not found any article about the end of the story but I truly hope everything turned out well in the end for Ikonija.

This is just one of the many examples which shows that drug use does not have negative effects only on person who is using drugs, the problem is even bigger, much bigger."

Radmila(19), Serbia





The NGO “**Generatia cu Initiative**” from the Republic of Moldova took a walk in their neighborhood and documented signs of substance use. This is what they found:



Thank you to all who took part – you are a great source of inspiration!

Misconceptions and myths shape perceptions on drug use, and influence the way substance users are perceived. We would like to encourage all of you to stay active, get the facts and break the myths! So far we have published 6 fact sheets on myths that are widely spread among youth globally. Get access to all of them via our website at www.unodc.org/youth.

The new fact sheet on myth 7 will be published soon - stay tuned!