

## Get Plugged In! Videos

Leading up to the November 18, 2006 Get Plugged In! event, the City of Vancouver's Drug Policy Program funded two weekend Reel Youth workshops. The first was on creating claymation videos and the second on creating films; all tackled the theme of drug prevention. The four videos were screened at Get Plugged In! After the screening, some of the students who worked on the videos answered questions from the audience.

Eleven youth, working with mentors, produced four videos: [Acid Candies](#), [Making it Through](#), ['Just Say No' Blows](#) and [Street Addicts](#). Please click on each video title to view that video.

Those who worked on the videos included: Steven Gamez, Vincent Nguyen, Janus Pascual, Danny Mak, Ali Mustafa Arif, Benafsha Kapadia, Sarah LaVallee, Simon Yang, Mattie Soure, Denise Lewis and Gall Levit. Mentors included Mark Vonesch, Emma Tius, Erica Khon, Mia Amir, Julianna Torjek and Zarina Mulla.

Get Plugged In! was a full-day event for youth and adult allies, focused on making healthy choices about substance use. It featured musical performances, some short addresses, the screening of the four videos, improv theatre and an afternoon of workshops all focused on the theme of preventing harm from substance use. This was the first of what will be an annual prevention event hosted by the City of Vancouver. The event was one of the recommendations in the Drug Policy Program's report, "Preventing Harm from Psychoactive Substance Use," which was unanimously adopted by Vancouver City Council one year ago. It was co-organized by City of Vancouver's Drug Policy Program and Youth Outreach Team, a diverse group of 10 youth, the Centre for Addictions Research of BC, Vancouver Coastal Health, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver and Watari.