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Addressing a Serious Issue Affecting German Teens

This summer, volunteers from the Church of Scientology of Hamburg have accelerated their efforts to reach teens with the truth about drugs, to reverse alarming drug abuse trends.

Cannabis use among young people has spiked, with [29.3 percent of German teens aged 14 to 17 having used marijuana at least once and 17 percent admitting to regular use](#). With their slogan "Say 'No' to Drugs, Say 'Yes' to Life," volunteers from the Church of Scientology of Hamburg are reaching out to youth this summer with factual information about drugs, to help reverse this alarming trend.

Over the past six months, Hamburg "Say 'No' to Drugs, Say 'Yes' to Life," volunteers have distributed 40,000 copies of *The Truth About Drugs* information booklets. They plan to augment this with distribution of tens of thousands of *The Truth About Marijuana* booklets by the end of the year.

Their activities are aimed at reaching the most youth possible, including:

- Conducting drug education seminars for groups of young people;
- Setting up drug information booths in busy thoroughfares;
- Placing displays of drug education and prevention booklets in shops, where customers can take copies and learn the dangers of the most commonly used drugs.

Scientists on five continents work in their communities throughout the year to empower others with the truth about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology supports The Truth About Drugs initiative, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns.

It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.

The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read the brochure, visit scientology.org.

Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress due to drugs and other biochemical

substances. These can put people into a condition that not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."

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Volunteers from the Church of Scientology of Hamburg help a family learn the truth about drugs.



A volunteer from the Church of Scientology of Hamburg shows *The Truth About Drugs* booklet to a visitor to a drug education information booth.