

Experts warn against rise in drug addiction among adolescents; Faculty of Basic & Medical Sciences of LCU, Ibadan

Experts warn against rise in drug addiction among adolescents. Stakeholders have warned against rising trend of drug abuse among adolescents and called for concerted efforts in tackling the menace.

They spoke recently at a special lecture organised by Faculty of Basic Medical and Applied Sciences, Lead City University, Ibadan. Noting that the prevalence of psychoactive substances had become worrisome in recent time, they said deliberate efforts should be taken to forestall its consequences.

A consultant psychiatric/addiction specialist from the University College Hospital, Ibadan, Dr. Victor Lasebikan, in a lecture titled 'Psychoactive substances use in adolescents and its emerging trends', said that the negative trend should be curtailed so as to save the society from impending doom. According to him, the psychoactive substances used by addicts to keep high would consequently damage their brains if not stopped. He said, "Psychoactive substances use is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality during adolescence as well as later in life.

"Among the top ten leading global risk for death in adolescents aged 15 to 19 years, alcohol use ranked first and other substances use disorders contributing 2.7 per cent of the total years lost due to disability. "The long term use of brain altering substances has biological, social and psychological consequences".

Among others, he said that the use of the dangerous substances could lead to mental illness, crime and financial problems.

The Chairman of the occasion, Mrs Bola Adetula, described the situation as "a global malady". Adetula said although boys were three times more likely than girls to use dangerous substances, "current realities show that girls are increasingly getting involved in the act. "The African adolescents are in a susceptible social class. My experience over the years shows that youths and children are highly prone to drug abuse and trafficking. "In Nigeria, the use of alcohol, cannabis and others is prevalent. This usually fuels crime."

Earlier in her address of welcome, the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical and Applied Sciences, said that the seminar was designed to address societal problems, adding, "It is time to save this generation before it falls over the precipice. "The use of psychoactive substances has assumed the dimension of a scourge, especially among adolescents. It has become one of the ways to be social and belong in the circle of the happening guys".

The University Chancellor, Prof. Gabriel Oguntola, enjoined students of the instruction to embrace a declaration against abuse of drugs and use of other dangerous substances. Among others in attendance on the occasion were the Pro-chancellor, LCU, Prof. Jide Owoeye, his wife, Chief Taiwo. Also in attendance on the occasion were students of Anglican Grammar School, Ojebode, Methodist High School, Ayegun Community Grammar School, Christ High School Oleyo and Liberty Academy Commercial Secondary School, Kolomi all in Ibadan.

Practical Examination/Play Week

The department of Performing Arts & Culture cordially invites staff and students of Lead City University to her practical examination week scheduled to hold between Monday 9th April, 2018 and Monday 16th April, 2018 at the Adeline Hall.

The event scheduled for the week is outlined below:

Date	Title	Time
Mon. 9 th	OTAELO Ahmed Yerima	10am
	MANY COLOURS HAS THE THUNDER KING Femi Osofisan	2pm
Tue. 10 th	AUGUST INMATE	10am
	DEATH & THE KINGS HORSEMAN Wole Soyinka	2pm
Wed. 11 th	DANCE ON HIS GRAVE	10am
	TIME	2pm
Thur. 12 th	WIVES & MOTHERS	10am
	COSTUME PARADE	2pm
Mon. 16 th	THE BATTLE	10am
	SANGO & SAY NO	2pm

See you there!



Formal Take-off of Counselling Clinic

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