



# How **addiction** can be woken unintentionally.

Talk for **parents** and **teachers**

Active addicts are not bad people, they are sick people with a disease they don't understand and do bad things to survive

The talk for teacher and parents is to understand how we can unintentionally activate the disease of addiction.

There has been a massive increase in the number of children being prescribed education enhancing drugs. Whilst there is, in certain cases, a genuine need for the prescription of such drugs, Chris seeks to give insight into how easily such drugs are legally and illegally attained, and its effects.

The education enhancing drugs are seen to be miracle drugs and do the very job they were designed to do. However there are potential side effects that are not usually discussed with the child's parents. There is more evidence that such drugs are over prescribed, and in a lot of cases the diagnosis is not appropriate for the problem, and is encouraged for the wrong reasons. In such cases, the parents are not asked a very leading question that if answered with a yes, the possibility of any stimulant education drug is not an option. What is the question? ***Is there any evidence in your family, from Great Grandparents through to you and your direct family, who have struggled with any form of addiction?***



The **denial** of addiction and its power, becomes its deception

Chris talks about the people who are coming into fellowship meetings with an addiction, and how many talk about how they did not do well at school academically and were prescribed an education enhancement medication. School changed, all went well, a dramatic change in the exam results, and the ability to listen and not be distracted.

However, the need for such a medication become a want.

The school children might have succeeded with the medication, but it had removed any ownership of that success and so the pupil believed they could have only succeeded with an enhancement drug.

The purpose of the talk is not to discredit such medication, but to have an open conversation about the pluses and minuses of such drugs, when and when not such drugs should be prescribed and what are the alternatives to medication.

## TALKTOPICS:

- What is addiction
- Who can be an addict
- What is the behaviour of an active addict
- What starts addiction
- An addiction test
- Understanding Addiction as a mental progressive disease
- A suggested way forward