

MEDICAL CANNABIS DEMYSTIFIED – THE UCD TALKS

This will be the first of a series of 'Fireside Chats' facilitated by MS patient and **Irish Medical Cannabis Clinic** founder Stephen Garland in conjunction with UCD *Students for Sensible Drug Policy*.

The talks will take place every Wednesday from November 11th Online from 7.30pm and each week feature a different guests with real life experience of an area within the multi-layered world of Medical Cannabis.

Stephen is an Event Manager, currently studying with the UCD Innovation Academy and an MS patient who has been self-medicating to ease symptoms for a number of years. He has also recently finished a course on Medical Cannabis with the University of Boulder Colorado.

Title: 1. MedCanna and MS and the History of Medical Cannabis

Date: November 18th

Time: 07:30pm – 08:30pm In this first talk Stephen will be joined by members of the Irish *Students for Sensible Drug Policy* to discuss the History of Medical Cannabis and after how it can benefit a debilitating condition suffered by 9000 people in Ireland, MS (Multiple Sclerosis)

Title: 2. MedCanna and Chronic Pain: MCAP and Medical emigration

Date: November 18th

Time: 07:30pm – 08:30pm

Speaker(s): **Miriam Haskin** "A cannabis patient turned industry worker, Miriam returned to Ireland earlier this year after her GP and Consultant were successful in securing a license for Medical Cannabis. In addition to working in the Irish cannabis space, her most recent role in Canada as the National Educator for one of the world's largest producers brings a unique insight to the good and the bad of regulating and legalising cannabis. "

Alicia Maher – has suffered from chronic pain since complication from surgery in 2006. Cannabis has replaced over 30 opioids a day for Alicia and she now uses cannabis to exclusively manage her pain. She is currently undertaking a PhD in the regulation of cannabis for medical purposes in Ireland.

Title: 3. MedCanna and Cancer

Date: November 25th

Time: 07:30pm – 08:30pm

Speaker: **Kenny Tynan** – Diagnosed with a **brain tumor recurrence in 2016**, and has been treating himself with medical cannabis oils ever since. Licenced patient has found that cannabis has given him a great quality of life – seizure free, symptom free, and no side

effects through chemo and radiation. Activist and Campaigner for regulation of Cannabis.
6,000 signatures on a petition for Kennys licence – **Man behind ‘Cannabis Patient Podcast’**

Title: 4. MedCanna and Epilepsy in Kids

Date: December 2nd

Time: 07:30pm – 08:30pm

Speaker: **Deborah Downey** - I'm the mother of a 16 year old child with Lennox Gastaut Syndrome. I have a ministerial licence for medical cannabis and Abigail is doing so well. My destination at present is to see MCAP up and running.

Title: 5. The current state of activism in Ireland

Date: December 9th

Time: 07:30pm – 08:30pm

Speaker (s): **Martin Condon** - Father of 2, Hsc GMP & Technology, BSc hon's Herbal Science. Martial arts and self-defence coach. 13 year Cannabis activist. Founder of CIT Students for Sensible Drug Policy. **Face of ‘Martin’s World Podcast’** Political candidate in Cork North Central 2019 general election

Graham de Barra - Founder, Students for Sensible Drug Policy Ireland, B.A, Philosophy LL.M, International Human Rights Law - “Deconstructing drug prohibition has now become a question of *how*; and not *if*. Society has greatly evolved over the past 50 years since the current control regime was enacted, leading to many unsolved **opportunities and challenges in engineering the new frontier of drug policy.**”

*******Other speakers being confirmed all the time**

NOTE: Still to be officially launched (we are planning for Early 2021), the Irish Medical Cannabis Clinic will be a patient-led Clinic with a goal to educate and enable patients to embrace their own self medical advocacy within more holistic values and with medical Cannabis treatments at its core.

We want to help remove the stigma from the Medical Cannabis Space and promote an adult conversation that might reach our politicians to pay attention and seize the massive opportunity that is developing around the world right now!

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