



HM Queen Silvia of Sweden and HRH Prince Turki bin Talal bin Abdulaziz visit a Mentor Project at Fabijoniskiu Secondary School, Vilnius, Lithuania

What is Mentor?

Mission Statement

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Mentor contributes to football project in Bogota



Mentor working through its Scientific Advisory Network members in Uganda



HM Queen Silvia meets young people at the Los Angeles Gala



Mentor works with the Summer Campaign in Spain



Colombianitos: a Mentor Award winning project in Bogotá, Colombia

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Her Majesty The Queen of Sweden is its President.

Mentor has an international remit for drug prevention. It comprises national and regional organizations which operate as part of the "Mentor Family". Currently these are: Mentor Arabia; Mentor Colombia; Mentor Belgium, Mentor Germany; Mentor Lithuania; Mentor Sweden; Mentor UK; and Mentor USA. Plans are in process for a Mentor presence in Africa, China, Italy and Venezuela. Mentor International is the central co-ordinating body of Mentor.

Mentor is an established and respected international organization enjoying ECOSOC status with the United Nations; accredited membership of the Organisation of American States/CICAD; and consultative status with the Council of Europe. It is in the process of developing a formal alliance with FIFA and the IOC.

Where is Mentor?

Mentor International is a Swiss Registered charity established in 1994 with its administrative base in the United Kingdom. Mentor National offices are based in the respective country and Mentor Arabia has offices in Beirut and Dubai.

Mentor 'POP':

Mentor is concerned with Prevention – Opportunity – Protection

Prevention...

- Of drug misuse and the harm that drugs can cause
- Through promotion of healthy lifestyles and choices
- To identify and disseminate promising and best practice

Opportunity...

- To be involved in healthy alternatives
- To acquire relevant knowledge, attitudes and skills
- To become healthy, confident and competent members of society

Protection...

- From the risk factors that can lead to drug misuse and other risk behaviours
- With the protective factors that will help to make drug misuse and other health risk behaviours less likely
- From the pressures, stresses and circumstances that lead to drug misuse and other health risk behaviours

What does Mentor do?

The focus of Mentor's work is to undertake, develop, implement, evaluate and disseminate best or promising practice in drug prevention internationally. Mentor seeks to help those working with young people to find the best possible ways to implement the most effective drug prevention initiatives.

Mentor:

- Undertakes practical prevention work through its range of projects in different countries
- Provides a global website to inform different target groups of Mentor and the issue of prevention
- Offers a consultancy and support service for prevention and health promotion in the following areas:
 - Policy Development
 - Project Management
 - Programme Evaluation
 - School Programmes
 - Family focused initiatives
 - Vulnerable Group focused activities
 - Mentoring programmes
- Undertakes research and supports prevention development projects in collaboration with or on behalf of other international agencies, NGO's or governments to assist them in developing policy and practice of the highest calibre.

What has Mentor achieved?

- Over the last 10 years Mentor has developed, supported and undertaken projects and programmes in over 40 countries and empowered over a million children to stay away from drugs and other harmful lifestyles. (see card Mentor at Work)
- Mentor has worked extensively with local and national governments, international agencies and other NGO's to develop, support and implement programmes that are effective, based on need and tailored to local and cultural sensitivities.
- Mentor has a Scientific Advisory Network that brings together some of the world's most renowned experts in drug prevention education.

Mentor's Commitment

Mentor is committed to providing and promoting the most promising and best possible practices in drug abuse prevention and the promotion of health and well-being in a culturally adapted environment. Mentor's work has been recognized by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization, the Organization of American States and The Council of Europe.

Further details on Mentor are available on its website: www.mentorfoundation.org