



WHO WE ARE

We are the **WCTU** - Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

OUR MOTTO

For God, Home and Every land.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

"Whether you eat or drink or do anything else, always do it to honour God. Don't cause problems for anyone."
1 Corinthians 10:31 CEV



DEFINITION

WCTU is an organisation for all Christian women. It is inter-dominational. It does not take political positions. It is believed to be the oldest continuing non-sectarian woman's organisation in the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the **WCTU** is to promote a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values in the home and the community.



OBJECTIVES

- To educate children and youth about the dangers of alcohol, drugs, tobacco
- To inform society about the value of a drug-free lifestyle
- To encourage people to take advantage of non-alcohol drinks and share recipes
- To recognise the equality of women and men
- To encourage moral values in the home and thus strengthen family life
- To inform society about the effects of gambling
- To urge governments to legislate well
- To help curb advertising of alcohol
- To promote good citizenship
- To become a significant adult in the life of a child or youth.



OUR CHILDREN

DRUG FREE KIDS

By informing kids of the dangers and disadvantages of drugs, both legal and illegal, they will be able to make wise choices as they grow. Drugs alter the way your body and mind operates.

DRUG FREE YOUTH

The adolescent brain is actively and rapidly developing until about age 25, making it particularly vulnerable to the effects of substance use. WCTU provides information for youth.



HISTORY

In the 19th century, industrial advances, growth of cities and the colonisation of other lands resulted in new social and political ideas. People wanted something better. At the same time there was a revival of Biblical faith. People applied the Scriptures to their changing situations. They realised that men and women have equal rights. One of these rights is to live in a drug-free family. Many women came to see the crippling hold alcohol had on much of society, particularly men. With boldness groups of women everywhere marched in pubs, seeing in them a cause of the low living standards of many women and children. Out of this activity and with much prayer, the **WCTU** was founded. Members of the Union promised never to use alcohol and encouraged others to pledge. They wore a white ribbon to signify their commitment. The American founder, Miss Frances Willard, organised an international petition calling for the total abstinence of both individuals and nations.

The first country to make that change for women was New Zealand and Mrs Kate Sheppard, a leader of **WCTU**, led the way in 1893. Other countries followed. Thousands of women joined the **WCTU**.

THE PLEDGE

The pledge is simple and can be remembered easily.

1. Explain the temperance message and pledge
2. Invite people to sign the pledge
3. Pray before signing the pledge

"I promise with God's help to abstain from alcohol, tobacco and all harmful drugs"

Signature

Date

RESOURCES

WCTU provides information and helps honest seekers - to find ways to curb the spread of the SAD poisons (smoking, alcohol, drugs).

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Websites:

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