

The IIUM Research and Innovation Day (IRID) 2024 is a prominent exhibition dedicated to health and sciences research, organized to showcase innovative research findings and foster research collaboration among scholars from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and across Malaysia. This year's theme, "**LEADING THE RESEARCH, PUBLICATION AND INNOVATION CULTURE: SOARING HIGH IN RESEARCH EXCELLENCE,**" emphasizes the significance of publishing research outcomes to spread knowledge for humanity's benefit. The event is a joint effort with the Technology Transfer Office of the Research Management Centre, highlighting the potential for research projects to be selected for commercialization.

It offers a platform for interactive poster presentations, discussions, and the exhibition of creative innovations. The program aims to provide constructive feedback, facilitate the sharing of ideas, and encourage networking among researchers. **All submitted abstracts will be published in selected IIUM journals (MYCITE – indexed)** with awards for the best research and innovation in both student and staff categories. Participants are also encouraged to publish full articles in various IIUM journals. This initiative seeks to benefit attendees greatly, promoting experience sharing and the development of lasting relationships within the research community.

The objectives of the IRID 2024 are as follows:

- To identify the prominent researchers in Malaysia mainly IIUM Kuantan.
- To inculcate research culture among academic staff and students (postgraduate and undergraduate).
- To showcase the research findings and products of academic staff and students.
- To encourage inter Kulliyah/ Universities/ Institutions collaboration in research and innovation.
- To identify the best research outputs and products to represent IIUM at national and international competition.

The topics are

1. Basic Health Sciences
2. Applied Health Sciences
3. Medical & Health Sciences
4. Nursing & Midwifery
5. Pharmacy
6. Dentistry
7. Engineering
8. Biological Sciences
9. Art & Social Sciences

Psychological, Social, And Cultural Meaning of Substance Abuse Among Adolescents In Lagos State, Nigeria

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PURPOSE: The aims of this study is to list the common substances that adolescents abuse and to discover the motives behind the abuse of substances among adolescents.

METHODS: This qualitative study employed a purposive sampling method using the snowball technique. Data was collected using semi structured interview that triangulates with focused group discussion and field observation. 17 students were interviewed, and 20 students were present for the focused group discussion.

RESULTS: The outcome of these research revealed that the most abused substance among the adolescents is palm wine (n = 15), followed by alcohol (n = 12), red wine, 13 respondents. Beer had 3 respondents and cigarette, marijuana, tramadol had 2 each. Thematic analysis revealed main themes such as hedonic pursuits, eudemonic efforts and ecosystem. Hedonic pursuits consist of subthemes such as excitation and adventure. Eudemonic efforts consist of subthemes such as functional emotional and social motives. Finally, ecosystem has subthemes such as accessibility, poverty, tradition and parental influence

CONCLUSION: The rate of substance abuse among Nigerian adolescents is very high and it requires a lot of attention and most importantly, swift intervention by the government, schools and individual family. Government and educational institutions should engage with psychologist and therapist to improve awareness of parents on substance abuse and design exciting and adventurous intervention programs that are consistent with their motives for substance abuse.

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