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## **STATEMENT FROM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

# **British public against 'softening' drug laws, Says CSJ**

Edward Boyd, Deputy Policy Director at the Centre for Social Justice, said:

"A majority of the British people are against softening our drug laws. So too are recovering addicts and those who help them. Drug abuse is tearing into lives and ruining communities.

"Instead of making dangerous drugs easier to access we should be improving the treatment available to addicts and seeking to prevent drug use in the first place.

"People want the law on the side of common sense and they want politicians to focus on the things that matter. We waved a white flag to drugs a long time ago and we are paying a heavy price. Further liberalisation would make things worse not better."

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## **About the CSJ**

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is an independent think tank established in 2004 to put social justice at the heart of British politics. In June last year, the CSJ was awarded UK Social Policy Think Tank of the Year 2013 at Prospect magazine's Think Tank Awards.

The recommendations transformed the social policy and political landscape and resulted in the CSJ being awarded Publication of the Year by Prospect Magazine in 2008.

Further to this, the CSJ manages an Alliance of over 300 of the most effective grass roots, poverty-fighting organisations. The CSJ is able to draw upon the expertise and experience of Alliance charities for research work and media inquiries. Journalists wishing to conduct grass-roots research into social problems can be put in touch with front-line charity directors and staff.

