

## YOU THE JUROR—YOUR RIGHT TO ACQUIT

Those of you who have done jury service will recall the judge saying: "You must reach a verdict on the evidence alone." But do you remember a judge telling you that you could disregard a law and return a not guilty verdict in the interest of greater justice.

‘The power that puts the jury above the law can never safely be entrusted to a single person or to an institution, no matter how great or how good. For it is an absolute power and, given time, absolute power corrupts absolutely. But jurors are anonymous characters who meet upon random and unexpected summons to a single task (or perhaps a few), whose accomplishment is their dissolution. Power lies beneath their feet but they tread on it so swiftly that they are not burnt. (The Rt. Hon. Lord Devlin, The Conscience of the Jury, Law Quarterly Review, July 1991, Vol.107).

### **The law itself can and must be called into question.**

One jury, despite having been directed by the judge to convict two Quaker activists (William Penn and William Mead) of unlawful assembly (preaching in the street) the jury found them not guilty. When they refused to reverse their decision the judge fined them and sent to prison until they paid the fine. They refused to pay and were, ultimately released by the chief justice who ruled they should not have been punished for their verdict. Since then, the jury's right to ‘annul’ a law ). This has been called a “perverse” verdict or “jury nullification” and is a legal Right.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Devlin had this to say on the jury's right : "It gives protection against laws which the ordinary man regards as harsh and oppressive . . . an insurance that the criminal law will conform to the ordinary man's ideas of what is fair and just. If it does not, the jury will not be a party to its enforcement."

**IF YOU BELIEVE THE LAW IS WRONG,  
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONVICT,  
NO VICTIM, NO CRIME**

## MEDICINAL USES OF CANNABIS / MARIJUANA

Between 1840 and 1900 over 1000 major medical articles recommending cannabis as a therapeutic agent were published.

It is puzzling that no serious modern survey of the therapeutic value in cannabis has been conducted. This is because it is illegal, and may well be due to pressures from the pharmaceutical and drug companies who fear loss of profits if cannabis is accepted medicinally. Just imagine all those people growing their own remedy!

Cannabis can be used in the treatment of:

Depression, anti-nausea and appetite stimulant in AIDS patients.  
Muscle spasm and in Multiple Sclerosis.  
Anti-nausea after chemotherapy treatment on cancer patients.  
Pain relief in spinal and other injury, arthritis, rheumatics, sprains.  
Asthma  
Glaucoma.  
Spasticity.  
Epilepsy.  
Alcoholism and drug addiction.  
Wasting syndrome, loss of appetite in AIDS sufferers,  
Anxiety.  
Insomnia  
Herpes Simplex  
Neuralgia  
Migraine  
Psychosis, Bi-polar, mental health problems.  
**STRESS** - a problem that effects most of us..

And in the last few years there is a growing amount of evidence to show that cannabis (hemp) oil can treat and **CURE CANCER.** (See Rick Simpson Oil)

## CANNABIS SOCIAL CLUBS

### A HEALTHY OPTION

Adult cannabis consumers create a legal association. This association facilitates the cultivation of cannabis for personal use and advises the members on the effects of consuming cannabis. The members pay an amount to cover the expenses of cultivation and have the right to receive an amount for own consumption. The member obliges him/herself to only use the cannabis for own consumption. Welcome to the Cannabis Social Club.

ENCOD, a European network of more than 150 groups intervening in drug matters, is working on a model for the production and the distribution of cannabis for adults, without dealing, the Cannabis Social Club (CSC). CSCs are non profit associations who organize the professional, collective cultivation of very limited amounts of cannabis, just enough to cover the personal needs of their club members. Cultivation, transport, distribution and consumption would have to be submitted to security and quality checks, all this without publicity, shop signs or windows. The members finance this system by subscriptions according to their needs. Each member gets a value card with units, according to his credit with maximum limits for year and month. There would not be any dealing possible. The members are not allowed to sell any cannabis and must make sure that it isn't consumed by minors..

The illicit market, with its problems which include the rise of THC content, stretching products, high prices, violence, selling to minors, the misery of open drug scenes will diminish. The authorities could establish a reasonable frame and control for CSCs during the entire process from cultivation to consumption. CSCs could create jobs and officially buy considerable amounts of goods and services which are taxed. This system could quickly bring an alternative for black market consumers.

The international conventions do not require countries to prosecute self production and self consumption of cannabis. Governments can introduce legalized self-production and consumption without having to fear international sanctions. These measures could be some bases for reasonable politics, but they are not sufficient. The self-cultivation would not be sufficient for the huge demand and doesn't offer enough guidelines for clean production or the black market. Therefore a more developed system for production and distribution is necessary. CSC's are the answer.

## MORE INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

### Information:

<http://www.ccguides.org>

### CSC's:

<http://www.encod.org>

<http://www.encod.org/info/The-Cannabis-Social-Club-pitch.html>

### NORML-UK:

<http://www.norml-uk.org>

### UK CSC's:

<http://ukcsc.co.uk/our-story/>

### Cannabis News:

<http://www.ccguides.org/news/>

### Rick Simpson Oil:

<http://www.phoenixtears.ca/>

### Cannabis Medicine:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical\\_cannabis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_cannabis)