

Over 8,000 join QC's anti-drug youth group

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More than 8,000 Quezon City residents have joined the city's anti-illegal drug youth group, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said yesterday.

Belmonte, the chair of the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council, yesterday vowed to empower members of Barkada Kontra Droga (BKD), a group established in partnership with the Department of Education to promote anti-illegal drug efforts among the youth.

“If we want to create a drug-free and drug-resistant city, we have to focus on our young people,” Belmonte said.

“Through Barkada Kontra Droga, we will make sure that the leaders of our next generation will be the first ones to adopt and sustain a drug-free lifestyle.”

The vice mayor said BKD promotes youth empowerment through organized peer groups seeking to prevent drug abuse.

Members have engaged in seminars, information campaigns and training programs in partnership with educators, families and other sectors to spread information on anti-drug laws.

“We're happy to see young people becoming role models for their own communities here in the city,” Belmonte said.

“Through this program, they learn about laws against drugs and what they can do to address its proliferation in their barangays.”

The program is open to students and youth aged 12 to 25 years old.