RSEQ (Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec) will spare no effort this year to counter the marketing of soft and energy drinks to teens, via its I Get it? project.¹

In its continued efforts to raise awareness among youths, to educate them and to get them to think critically about the clever marketing of these drinks, RSEQ is launching a new, highly original countermarketing campaign in schools.

During the coming school year, the www.newdrive.ca website will present a trilogy for teens. At every stage, they will be called upon to use their imagination to enter various contests. These contests will enable youths to contribute to developing the brand of a character whose popularity has faded over the years – the drinking fountain!

Each step will be preceded by a video to present the issue behind the contest, along with a short text highlighting the parallel with the intensive marketing of energy drinks and raising questions. Youths will then be able to invite their friends and family to vote for their creations.

³ 3 stages, 3 animated episodes, 3 posters. Each stage is unveiled after the close of the previous stage.

¹ This project is financed by Québec en Forme.
A RENEWED WEBSITE

While the www.newdrive.ca website retains its eye-catching graphics, various elements have been improved or added, including:

→ A new and appealing comic video, with more to come at the start of following stages
→ A quiz with more questions and results analysis
→ New ideas for in-class activities, mainly in English or French, history and ethics and religions classes
→ An art gallery that makes it easier to find creations
→ A “Jury’s pick” section to enable our team of marketing experts to highlight certain creations
→ An interactive environment where youths are called upon to question themselves about irresponsible marketing by soft and energy drink producers.

PRETTY DRINKING FOUNTAINS IN SCHOOLS

That is what we are offering schools whose students have entered the 3 contests on www.newdrive.ca Among them, 3 will be drawn at random and will receive the contest-winning graphic treatment for their drinking fountains*.

*Further details will be provided to winning schools, based on the type and number of drinking fountains.

AN INVITATION FROM RSEQ

Marketing is powerful! The World Health Organization even calls it irresponsible when it is used to promote products that are harmful to health. However, used wisely to promote water, a healthy drink that is essential to life, marketing becomes an asset!

The RSEQ invites the schools network and the “SHV” actors to join them in their noble cause and contribute to making our young Quebecers capable to see the difference and make enlightened choices.

A FEW SIMPLE GESTURE, SUCH AS...

→ Putting up posters in strategic locations
→ Encouraging youths to visit the website and enter the contests
→ Organize activities to counter the marketing of sweet drinks
→ Promote I get it? In your network
→ Develop partnerships with the RSEQ

...CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

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