

## Night Drifters

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Every year there are 50,000 young people who never go home at night. Therefore, the issue of what to do with young night drifters has been much discussed. I think that the government ought to open more drop-in centres. Opening more drop-in centres brings a lot of advantages to young night drifters.

First of all, one advantage of opening more drop-in centres is that it would reduce teen crime. Young people who walk in the streets at night often fall into bad ways. For instance, they may fall prey to triad gangs or drug dealers. Moreover, they will be exposed to illegal substances such as drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. If the young people fall prey to triad gangs, they may be involved in dangerous situations such as fights. Therefore, opening more drop-in centres will make it less likely for young people to hang out with these people.

Secondly, drop-in centres could discourage young people from night drifting. There are many counsellors in the centre. They will listen to the teenagers' problems and give them some advice. Also, the counsellors will warn them against the dangers in the streets. As a result, the night drifters may give up their nocturnal habits.

Finally, I think drop-in centres can protect young night drifters. Nowadays, many young night drifters are bullied or sexually assaulted. I believe that drop-in centres could provide a safe environment for them. As there are full-time staff in the centres, they can offer necessary help to the night drifters.

All in all, from my point of view, opening more drop-in centres brings a lot of advantages to young night drifters. However, the number of night drifters is still on the rise and there are not enough resources to accommodate their needs. Therefore, I suggest that the government should enhance the service of drop-in centres to assist the young night drifters. On the other hand, parents and schools should take good care of young people and build positive relationships with them. They would not have to loiter in the streets late at night then.

**Teacher's Feedback :** The structure is clear with an appropriate use of connectives.

The reasons for opening drop-in centres are valid and support the conclusion that the government should enhance such a service. If possible, mention the disadvantages of having drop-centres to balance your arguments. (Mr. Ng Zi Soen)

