

# Uplift (https://www.activelink.ie/node/92382)

Uplift is a people powered community of over 350,000 people from every corner of Ireland who take action alongside each other to fight for a better Ireland, where everyone can flourish. Together we've won big campaigns like increasing the number of people seeking refuge Ireland welcomes, keeping our maternity hospitals public and stopping vulture funds from evicting people from their homes. As an Uplift member, you can start a campaign of your own, or join someone else in their struggle for change.

## **Our Values**

### We believe that:

- People are not apathetic, but by protecting vested interests and powerful elites, our political system has systematically
  denied us meaningful opportunities to participate in the vital decisions that critically affect us. This has led to a sense
  of helplessness and powerlessness.
- A critical mass of Irish people support the progressive values of equality, justice, and sustainability, and are hungry for accessible, effective, trustworthy ways to advance those values in Ireland.
- Great change is possible when people come together to take action. It is possible to affect change and influence
  decision makers, including the political system and big business.
- Leadership is demonstrated in many forms. Leadership needs to come from the people, be accountable, and be
  directed towards the common good. A healthy democracy requires the critical engagement of people. Asking questions
  is one of the most powerful democratic acts we can do.
- Social justice is about the fair distribution of wealth, resources and privileges within society. Uplift members believe in the right of people to realise their full potential. This includes taking a stand on the rights of low paid workers, progressive taxation, challenging exploitation, access to quality health care, and public services.
- Uplift members believe that discrimination and prejudice need to be challenged so that everyone can participate fully
  and equally. This includes taking a stand against racism, sexism, classism, transphobia, ableism, homophobia and
  biphobia. It also means taking a stand for the rights of communities experiencing economic, social, and political
  exclusion.
- Our planet is in extreme danger and Uplift members stand up for protecting our natural resources, including our woodlands, by fighting policies and practices that cause climate change and environmental destruction.

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