

UISCE (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/94237>)

UISCE is the National Advocacy Service for People who use Drugs in Ireland. UISCE ensures that the human rights of people who use drugs are protected in our laws, policies and services by advocating on behalf of a person or empowering them to self-advocate.

Our main goal is to ensure the human rights of the community of PWUD are protected within services and that the voices of PWUD are heard where decisions that impact their lives are being made.

Our Vision

That people who use drugs are treated with equality and respect and have a voice where decisions affecting their life are made.

Our Mission

We provide advocacy for people who use drugs and work towards protecting their civil liberties and human rights within services.

Our Values

People who use drugs have rights, but not all people know how to stand up for them or don't know change is possible. People's rights are not always respected, protected nor fulfilled.

The community of PWUD also experience difficulties in claiming and asserting their rights equally. Although there continues to be support towards the community of PWUD, their rights are still not fully embedded in Ireland.

Decisions-makers and services routinely make decisions that affect the community of PWUD without considering their rights and many PWUD experience high levels of inequality, discrimination and stigmatisation.

UISCE works to ensure the rights of the community are protected in legislation, that their voices are heard and prioritised in any relevant decision making process and, overall, UISCE works to empower the community of PWUD to know their rights and how to stand up for them.

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