Drug User Involvement
Citywide Conference
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Brief Overview of UISCE’s History

- 1998 Tommy Larkin engaged as a consultant by the NICDTF with £20K
- Emily sub-contracted as support worker
- Development of forum
- Management Committee formed
- Additional £26K
- Limited Company (by Guarantee)
Brief Overview of UISCE’s History contd

- Role of Brass Munkie
- Methadone Research: Recognition of UISCE
- Mainstream Funding (HSE)
- Tommy Larkin R.I.P. 19th January 2004
- New Coordinator December 2004
- National Conference November 2005
UISCE’s Work

- Brass Munkie
- Street Outreach
- Focus Groups
- Research
- NICDTF and sub-groups
- City Clinic Community Liaison Group.
UISCE’s Work contd

- Hepatitis C Strategy Group
- Methadone Protocol Implementation Committee
- On-going harm reduction work
- Specific health promotion campaigns in collaboration with other services
- Developing national and international links (INPUD)
National Network of Service User Forums

- North Inner City
- South Inner City
- Canal Communities
- Tallaght
- Dublin 12
- Galway
- Wexford
- Coolmine TC
- Drug Treatment Centre Board (Trinity Court)
Services we are currently working with:

- City Clinic
- Mountjoy Street Family Practice
- Family Support Network
- Dublin AIDS Alliance
- Progression Routes Initiative
The Future

- Developing links with local drug users and drugs services
- UISCE Strategic Plan and future development
- Consolidating the National Network
- Drug User / Service User representation on all LDTFs : Resource issues
- Drug User/ Service User representation on Drug Advisory Group
- Development of cross-border and international links
THANK YOU

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