

# **Drug User Involvement Citywide Conference 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**

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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

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- Role of Brass Munkie
- Methadone Research: Recognition of UISCE
- Mainstream Funding (HSE)
- Tommy Larkin R.I.P. 19<sup>th</sup> 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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