

# **ACT UP Dublin Mission Statement**

ACT UP Dublin is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Our members include both HIV-positive and HIV-negative people. We are open, democratic, consensus-driven, and committed to grassroots empowerment.

We recognise that the HIV epidemic is a political crisis.

We therefore challenge indifference and neglect on the part of government, state agencies, non-governmental organisations, community institutions, and the public at large.

We fight the greed of corporations.

We investigate and educate.

We fight ignorance and shame about sex and the institutions that perpetuate them. We promote sexual freedom and we support the reproductive rights of all people. We oppose hostility toward and discrimination against HIV-positive people.

We understand that HIV vulnerability reflects social inequalities and that combatting the epidemic is part of a broad struggle for social justice. We fight for equitable access to health care and services. We support a drugs policy that prioritises health rather than criminalising people who use drugs.

**WE PROTEST. WE DEMONSTRATE. WE ARE NOT SILENT.**