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Youth Workers Against Prohibition

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Campaign Manager

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Youth Workers Against Prohibition (YWAP) are a group of over 200 professional experienced Youth Workers who have come together to call for an end to Prohibition in Ireland as we feel that the present approach is not working and is causing more harm. We feel in order to keep Irish society and our young people safer; we need to safely Regulate and Control all drugs (like alcohol and tobacco) and take the lucrative drugs market away from drug gangs who exploit our young people. Our submission goes into more detail the wider harms caused by drugs, gangs and current policy and why we are calling for an end to Prohibition in Ireland. We are appealing to the Citizens Assembly to consider the wider harms of Prohibition outlined in our submission and consider how drugs can be managed in a way that is best for all of us. Communities and families cannot continue to be subjected to fear, crime and violence under the existing paradigm of Prohibition. We need a new alternative to the current damaging and woefully ineffective approach we currently have in place.

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