

**NICE PEOPLE  
TAKE DRUGS**

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

- is divided up into three regional „tracks“: the western, north eastern and southern track.
- Each track votes for a regional representative, who is responsible for the meetings of the groups of the respective track He/she also functions as a link between the regional groups and the national association.
- The national board of directors consists of a minimum of 3, maximum of 6 directors and up to three regional representatives.
- The board of directors represents JES in the public and makes resolutions on campaigns with which the political demands of JES are underscored and enforced.
- The directors are also responsible for the use of funds and plan the content and organisation of the JES-workshops.

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*„Drug users like all other men and women have a right of human dignity. They don't need to obtain this right through an abstinent and conformist behaviour.“*

JES founding declaration, June 1989



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## ABOUT US

**JES** is the National Association of drug users, former drug users and people in opiate substitution treatment (Junkies, Ex-Junkies, Substituierte). We see ourselves as a representative of the interests of people who use drugs or who used them in the past.

**JES** covers a network of regional groups with a large number of activists.

**JES** demands the right to a life of human dignity with drugs. We want legal survival aid for drug users in line with their needs.

**JES** fights against making drug using people illegal and excluding them from society. We know that drug use does not necessarily lead to misery and assume that drugs will continue to be a part of our society in spite of prohibition.

**JES** supports through comprehensive information, education and counselling on all issues surrounding drug use, under the principle of „helping people to help themselves“.

**JES** offers seminars and workshops on the subject of “drugs and health”.

## WE ARE COMMITTED

The ultimate goal of the present drug policy, controlling drug use and trafficking, still relies on criminal prosecution. But this method only leads to criminalising drug users and making them illegal. The desired reduction in drug use, however, has not happened anywhere for many decades. To gain control over drug trafficking, you therefore need a completely new orientation in the form of legalising those substances that have thus far been made illegal.

## WE THEREFORE DEMAND

- The cancellation of those parts of the Narcotics Act (BtmG) that concern criminal prosecution
- The removal of the OST-guidelines
- The establishment of a nationwide and thus needs-based substitution treatment with diamorphine
- Access to all forms of treatment and a say in their planning
- Having say in decision making in political decision making bodies
- Equal employment opportunities for drug users
- Needs-based offers for older drug users
- The immediate release of imprisoned drug users who were arrested without having damaged legal property or interests (e.g. commercial and property crimes).

# LIVING WITH DRUGS

