

European Network of (ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry



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First issue of Advocacy Update

ENUSP launches its quarterly newsletter

The European Network of (ex-)Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP) is re-starting its newsletter after a prolonged break. ENUSP is the only international NGO on a European level that unifies the national and regional organisations of those who have been on the receiving end of psychiatric treatment and whose work is independent from pharmaceutical sponsorship. Providing representation and influencing decisions that directly affect mental health service users and survivors across Europe are hard tasks with many obstacles.

This newsletter is therefore an important means to share information and knowledge among our members and with our movement's allies worldwide, as well as to ensure that our concerns and opinions are made public.

The first **Advocacy Update** issue features the latest successes of the campaign to ban forced ECT in Ireland as well as reports on ENUSP struggles to influence and re-direct the European suicide debate. It also spotlights the work of activists from Romania, updates you on upcoming events, offers interviews, art, book reviews and much more.

Re-starting the newsletter with this first issue of **Advocacy Update** has required the energy and commitment of a very small number of people, who contributed many hours of completely unpaid work. In order to produce more issues, ENUSP needs funding. If you can advise us on this issue, please contact us as a matter of urgency. Any amount donated is very valuable and will be acknowledged.

We hope you enjoy reading our first issue at <http://www.enusp.org/newsletter/2010/1.pdf> and kindly ask you to distribute it through all your networks.

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