Substance Policy

The substance use policy operates within the framework of the Localise mission statement and supports Localise's aims and objectives in providing a safe environment for its partners and volunteers, while enabling young people to contribute to their community and fulfill their potential.

Localise is committed to the development, health and well-being of all its volunteers and participants. In upholding Localise's values all volunteers and participants should provide an example they would wish others to follow. Localise expects all its partners to comply with the policy below and, where necessary, will enforce the policy with disciplinary procedures as outlined in the Localise Code of Ethics and Good Practice.

Smoking

Anyone above the legal age for smoking must ensure that they smoke in a discreet, safe manner and in an appropriate legal place away from the young people.

Alcohol

Adults at an event or residential experience involving young people should exercise discretion regarding alcohol. They must abide by the legislation to do with the legal age for drinking alcohol, any guidelines set down prior to an event and the venue policy on the consumption of alcohol. In order to deal with an emergency or first aid incident, at least two adults must abstain from alcohol consumption, at least one of whom must be able to drive and have access to a car if possible. Adults must not be under the influence of, or consume alcohol during any Localise meeting. (For the purposes of this policy adults must comply with the legal alcohol limit as stated under the Irish road traffic legislation).

Drugs

It is illegal to take non-prescribed drugs not sold over the counter, at any age, and Localise has an obligation to ensure that the law is upheld.

Solvents

Localise does not accept the misuse of solvent-based substances or inhalants by any of its volunteers or partners.