



## **Mission Statement**

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## **Goals**

- ACT UP is first and foremost committed to the lives of people with HIV. AIDS has struck all communities and AIDS activism must reflect this.
- ACT UP insists that all levels of society and government mobilize to meet the scale of the AIDS crisis.
- We fight for effective, coordinated research; release of safe experimental treatments; and ultimately, a cure and a vaccine. To deliver the fruits of AIDS research to all in need, we recognize the need for universal access to health care regardless of a person's ability to pay, gender, race, culture, sexual orientation, (perceived) HIV status, or religion.
- We raise issues to educate and inform people by making the problems of the AIDS crisis more visible. To halt the spread of AIDS we also demand better culturally-specific, non-judgmental, sex-positive education about the modes of HIV transmission. We work to eliminate discrimination and misunderstanding directed at people with HIV.

Join us and be a member of ACT UP Milwaukee. We meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 pm at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (820 N Plankinton Ave). If you are tired of the unjust reaction to the AIDS crisis and want to fight back, call us.

## **THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP!**

**The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power is a diverse group of individuals united in anger and compassion, and radically committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis.**

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