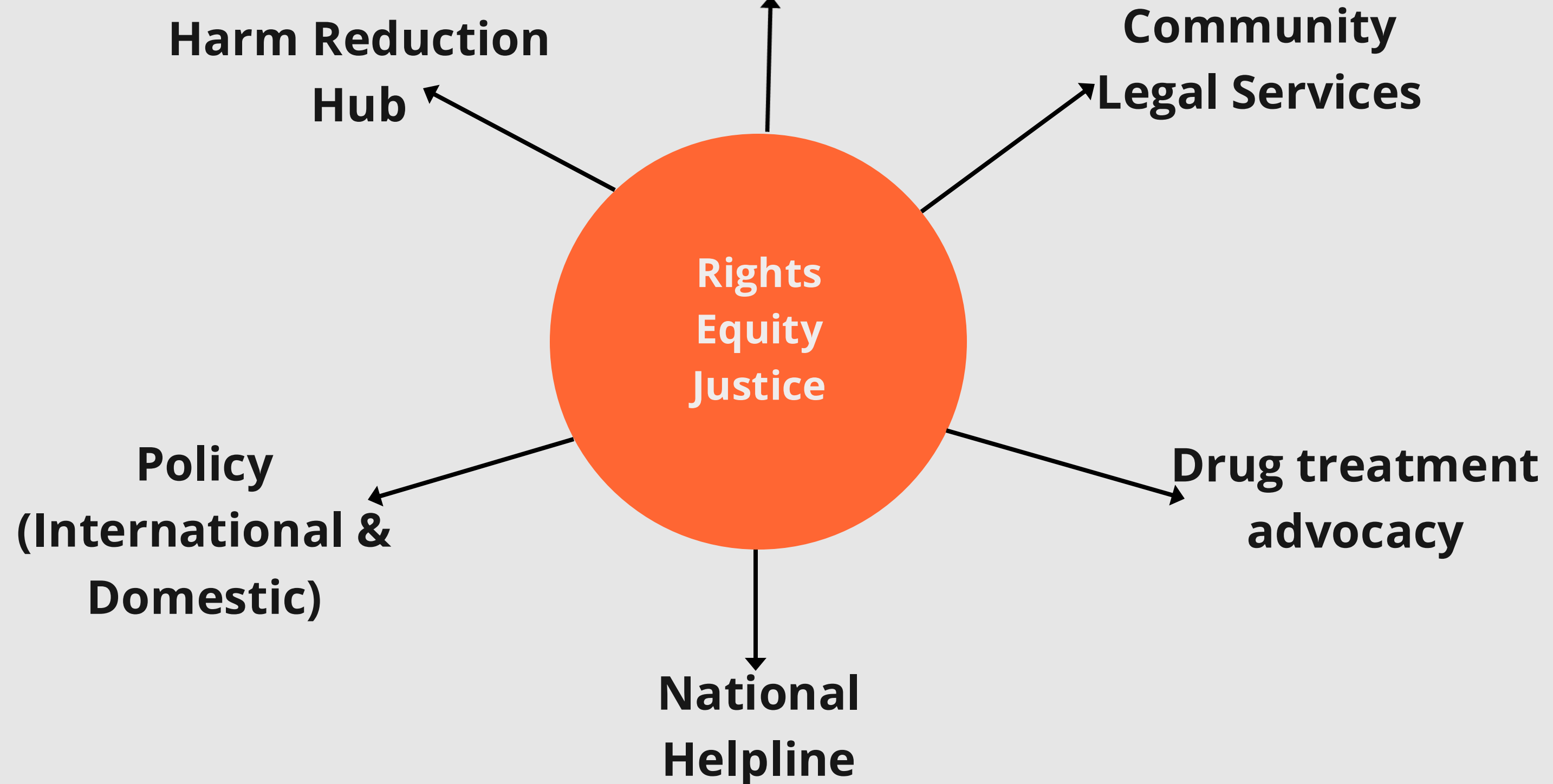


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Tentacles of Prohibition and using a rights-based approach



Judicially
reviewing
bad/ unlawful
decisions

Read it in DDN

A new policy to withdraw
diamorphine treatment became a
fight for survival, hears **DDN**



**PUSHED
TO THE
BRINK**

The illustration shows a large, dark, mechanical hand reaching down from the top left, pushing a small silhouette of a person off a ledge. The person is falling, with motion lines indicating the direction of the fall. The text 'PUSHED TO THE BRINK' is written in large, bold, orange letters across the bottom of the image.

UK drug policy reform

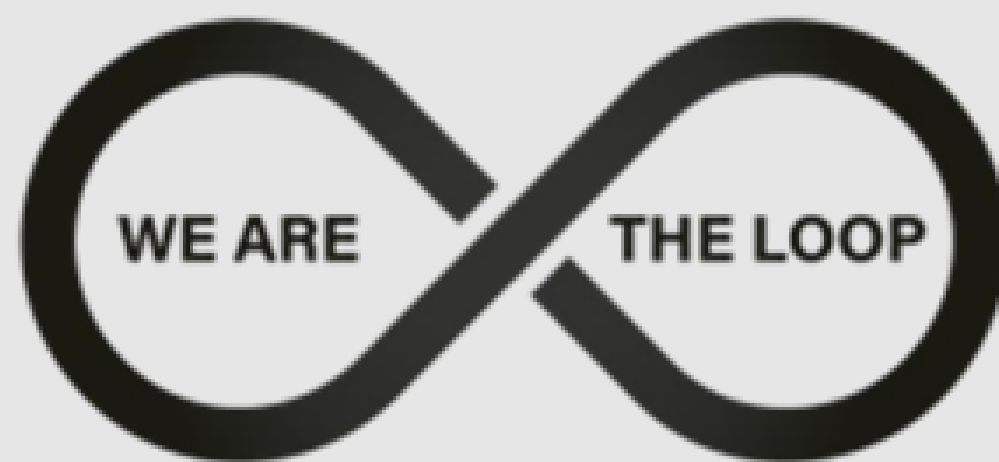




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Think local
and think
practically



Local action does create change



Local/ Legal

NSPs
Paraphernalia
Naloxone
Drug checking
DCRs

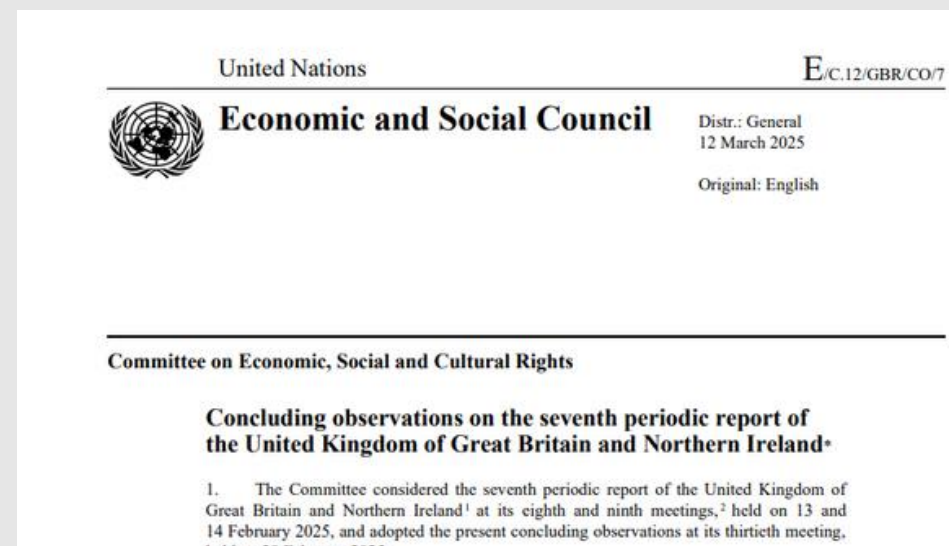
UK Government

NSPs
Paraphernalia
Naloxone
Drug checking
DCRs (?)
DECRIMINALISATION
SAFE SUPPLY

ENDING THE CRIMINALISATION OF PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

- 01 Criminalisation undermines rights & dignity
- 02 Creates health risks including increased overdose
- 03 Creates barriers to services (not just treatment)
- 04 Creates barriers to education and employment
- 05 Leads to family separation
- 06 Allows for the policing of poverty & systemic racism

Building pressure for reform





Safer Supply



DRUG POSSESSION

Release
Drugs, The Law & Human Rights



**OVER
1.5 MILLION
CRIMINAL
RECORDS
FOR DRUG
POSSESSION**

**THESE
POLITICIANS
DIDN'T GET A
SINGLE ONE**

**Thank you!
&
Any questions?**