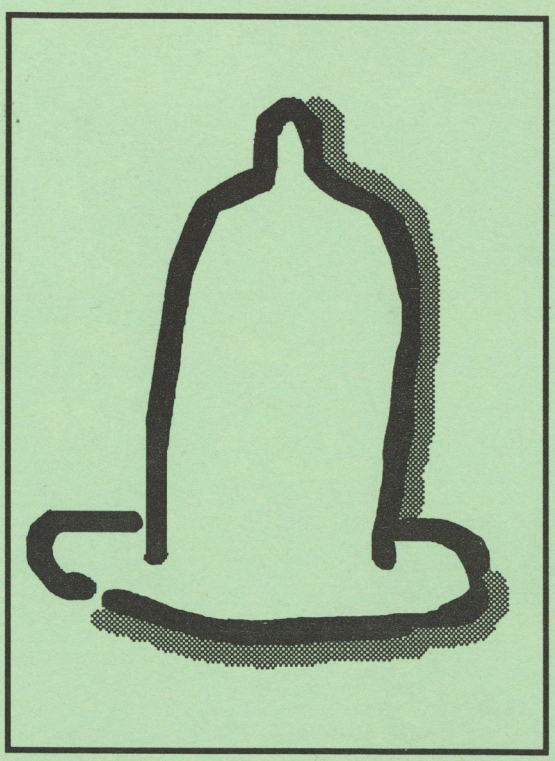
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a common sense approach to sexual health

CONDOM SENSE!

St. Valentine's Day,
February 14th, 1992

Irish Problem - Real Solution

CONDOM SENSE!

PROMOTING PLANNING AND PROTECTION

Under current Irish law condoms can only be sold by doctors, in chemists, health centres, family planning or STD clinics.

Recognising that condoms offer protection against HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and against unwanted pregnancies, CONDOM SENSE! has been established to campaign for legislative change. We aim to ensure that condoms are widely available in accessible venues throughout the country. We will be advocates for education on the need for, and correct use of condoms.To launch the campaign, on St. Valentine's Day, CONDOM SENSE! will be installing condom vending machines in pubs, clubs and other outlets around the country.

We invite you to support this campaign for change, by signing your name to the attached sheet, sending any donation you can afford and/or by coming to the launch.

CONDOM SENSE! is a national group, whose members are working against the spread of HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases and un-wanted pregnancies.

"Teenage pregnancies are rising in Ireland. In 1986, one third of births registered as outside marriage were to mothers aged 15 to 19 years."
Health Education Bureau, Irish Dept. of Health Factsheet 1987.

"All the data and research in Western Europe indicates that the condom is more than 90% effective in preventing the spread of disease."
Dr. James Walsh, National AIDS Co-ordinator.

"A study of adolescent pregnancies in Ireland reveals that 4 out of 5 (85%) were unplanned and 3 out of 5 (56%) of the mothers had not considered using contraceptives."
H.E.B. Dept. of Health Factsheet, 1987

"The World Health Organisation (WHO), The Paris Centre For AIDS Research and governments around the world are in unanimous agreement that condoms, when used properly, can block the transmission of disease."
Irish Times, Dick Ahlstrom, March 13 1991.

You can get married, buy cigarettes, go to prison, work, drive a motorbike and even be licensed to carry firearms at the age of 16, but you can't buy condoms.

Charles Haughey, as Taoiseach, described the laws on condom availability as "very outdated and unsatisfactory".

By Dec. 1991 the total number of AIDS cases in Ireland was 233, the total number of people with HIV infection was 1,146. Those figures represent an increase of 33% and 13% respectively for the 12 month period since Dec. 1990.

Anonymity at point of sale must be a priority in any legislation to improve access to condoms. Availability through chemists and health centres does not provide access in the evening or at weekends. Therefore, availability in clubs, discos, bars etc. is essential to ensure real and effective distribution.

The European Parliament recently stated that any serious plan to increase public access to condoms must include automatic distribution facilities.

I/we support the Condom Sense! campaign for wide availability and accessibility of condoms: 2 Weeks

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The effectiveness of this campaign depends on your support - financial and practical

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