



Your Voice Advocacy

Supporting people with learning disabilities since 1989



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Who are we?

- **Your Voice Advocacy** is an organisation that provides **independent advocacy for people with learning disabilities** across the areas of **Neath Port Talbot and Swansea**.
- Established in 1989, we are now both a **Registered Charity (No: 1001271)** and **Company Limited by Guarantee (No: 2553487)** developing into a vital part of the learning disability support network in South Wales over the past 25 years.



What do we aim for?

- We believe in the rights of people with learning disabilities to **make choices and understand those choices**.
- We are committed to the principles of the right of people with learning disabilities to **live as valued individuals in the community** providing additional support as necessary.

1) **Enable and empower people to make informed choices and express their views.**

2) **Support people to access appropriate information and services.**

3) **Defend and promote the rights and responsibilities of our clients in the community.**

4) **Work in partnership with vulnerable individuals and give them a voice in the decisions that affect their daily lives.**



What do we do?

- To achieve these aims and objectives **Your Voice Advocacy** facilitates several projects and services **supporting people with learning disabilities to have a voice in the decisions that matter.**

- **One-to-One Advocacy (NPT and Swansea)** representing someone who is facing a particular problem, issue or change in their life.
- **Crisis Advocacy (Swansea only)** representing someone who is at a serious and immediate crisis point.
- **Peer Advocacy (NPT only)** supporting people to learn new skills, knowledge and confidence to stand up for and represent other people who have the same experiences, needs or issues.
- **Family Advocacy (NPT and Swansea)** Representing parents with learning disabilities through child protection/care proceedings and related issues.
- **Social Groups/Monthly Disco (Swansea based)** Supporting people with learning disabilities to fully participate in social events and activities including a monthly disco at Revolution Nightclub on Wind Street, Swansea.





How do we help?

- We currently support around **150 people a year** through our services and pride ourselves on **achieving positive outcomes for our clients, empowering people with skills, confidence and well-being.**
- We regularly receive **excellent feedback for our services** from the **diverse set of people and organisations** we work with:

Dominic Boothroyd – Angel Chambers Barrister, Swansea

“The Support provided was excellent; assisting a difficult client with significant issues through extremely complex and problematic issues”

“The support was vital in helping the client through this trial”

Jen Sinnott – Planning & Engagement Officer NPT CBC

“Your Voice’s work with the Peer/Self Advocacy group has enabled service users with learning disabilities in Neath Port Talbot to get their voice heard at a strategic level and to influence policy and commissioning...”

Lacey Inker (Professional Advocacy Client)

“I would like to thank (The Advocate) for everything and helping me through the hardest thing in my life”

Krissie Hall – Carer/Family Member (via Facebook)

“I as a carer think this scheme is amazing and has helped my sister with her confidence and to make new friends!”

To make a referral please contact us on (01792) 646573