

SELF ADVOCACY



We encourage people to speak up for themselves wherever possible within small groups & our one to one work.

Volunteering

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS DO

We use volunteers as well as paid staff to carry out our work.

A volunteer's work supporting people with learning disabilities could include:

- Providing long term support in an advocacy partnership.
- Fundraising
- Helping at our monthly coffee morning.
- Helping at our fortnightly Craft Group

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

Please call us on



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HOW TO CONTACT US

If you want further information about the service we provide, please contact us.



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SOLIHULL ACTION THROUGH ADVOCACY

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WHO WE ARE



'Solihull Action through Advocacy' provides a voice for adults with learning disabilities living in Solihull. This is either by speaking to professionals on their behalf or by supporting them to speak for themselves. In all our work, we are trying to create more control for people over their lives, ensuring their views and wishes are regarded as the most important.

OUR AIMS

- Promote positive change so that people with a learning disability are accepted and valued members of their local community.
- Support people to take more control over their own lives with more opportunity for choice.

FUNDING

We are funded by various funding sources, some statutory funding, including: Solihull Care Trust, Comic Relief, Awards for All, Coventry Building Society, Sheldon Trust, Cole Trust, Eveson Trust, Land Rover, West Midland Police Authority, Browne Jacobson Trust, Jarman Trust, Co-operative Community Fund.

WHAT WE DO

- Issue based Advocacy
 - Citizen Advocacy
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Tenants' Groups
 - College meetings
 - One-off consultations
 - Solihull Learning Disabilities Partnership Board
 - Coffee morning
 - Craft Group
- Input to:
- Solihull Partnership
 - National Coalition for Advocacy organisations.



Current Work

CRISIS ADVOCACY

We have a worker responsible for supporting people through a particular issue or crisis, speaking up for them or encouraging them to do this whenever possible.



ADVOCACY FOR PARENTS

We support Parents with learning disabilities to access appropriate services, express their views regarding parenting and promote their rights to be treated equally.

ADVOCACY HIGH-SUPPORT NEEDS



Where needed, our workers spend a lot longer with people understanding their communication needs and supporting them with choices.