ADVOCACY ORGANISATIONS OPERATING IN GREATER GLASGOW

ADVOCACY MATTERS

Professional advocacy for adults (aged 16+) with mental health issues in Greater Glasgow.
5th Floor, Merchants House, 30 George Square, Glasgow G2 1EG
Telephone: 0141 572 2850

THE ADVOCACY PROJECT

Independent professional advocacy, volunteer advocacy and group advocacy for:

- Older people in Glasgow.
- Adults with mental health issues in South Lanarkshire.

Independent professional advocacy for:

- Disabled adults in Glasgow's East End, Rutherglen and Cambuslang.
- Physically disabled patients at the Southern General Hospital.
- Older people affected by the Mental Health Act in East Renfrewshire.

Cumbrae House, 15 Carlton Court, Glasgow G5 9JP
Telephone: 0845 076 2262

CEARTAS

Independent professional advocacy for older people and people with dementia in East Dunbartonshire.
62 Townhead, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow G66 1NZ
Telephone: 0141 775 0433

This leaflet is a joint initiative of the listed organisations. Further copies can be obtained by contacting any of these organisations.

CIRCLES NETWORK ADVOCACY PROJECT

Professional advocacy for people experiencing mental health and/or learning difficulties who have had contact with the criminal justice system. Supports people within the Greater Glasgow area.
Charing Cross Centre, 8 Woodside Crescent, Glasgow G3 7UL ***Telephone: 0141 531 1514***

DRUMCHAPEL ADVOCACY PROJECT

Volunteer and professional crisis advocacy for residents of the G15 area of Glasgow (aged 18 and over).
Unit 28, 42 Dalsetter Avenue, Glasgow G15 8TE ***Telephone: 0141 944 0507***

DRUMCHAPEL CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT

Professional, citizen, crisis and group advocacy for young people (aged 8 -18) living in the G15 area of Glasgow and young people in care who come from Drumchapel.
Unit 28, 42 Dalsetter Avenue, Glasgow G15 8TE ***Telephone: 0141 944 0507***

EQUAL SAY

Citizen advocacy for adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues in Greater Glasgow.
11-13 Dowanhill Street, Glasgow G11 5QS
Telephone: 0141 337 3133

ETHNIC MINORITY ADVOCACY SERVICE

Professional advocacy for people from black and minority ethnic communities in Greater Glasgow.
40 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 6HJ
Telephone: 0141 572 1011

THE INITIATIVE

Volunteer advocacy for recently arrived or isolated asylum seekers or refugees.
Adelphi Centre, 12 Commercial Road Glasgow G5 0PQ ***Telephone: 0141 429 6314***

LOMOND AND ARGYLL ADVOCACY SERVICE

Independent professional and volunteer advocacy for users of community care services in West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute.
155 Glasgow Road, Dumbarton G82 1RH
Telephone: 01389 726543

PARTNERS IN ADVOCACY

Independent professional advocacy and volunteer advocacy for children and young people with additional support needs and/or mental health difficulties in Glasgow.
The Pentagon Centre, 36 Washington Street, Glasgow G3 8AZ ***Telephone: 0141 847 0660***

PEOPLE FIRST GLASGOW

Collective and self advocacy for people with learning disabilities in Glasgow.
Room 14, Adelphi Centre, 12 Commercial Road, Glasgow G5 0PD
Telephone: 07841 362169

STEPPING STONES

Professional and peer advocacy for adults in the Clydebank area with mental health issues.
78 Whitecrook Street, Clydebank G81 1QF
Telephone: 0141 941 2929

VOICE FOR ALL

Professional advocacy for ethnic minority people (10+) with learning disability in Glasgow.
11 Forth Street, Pollokshields, Glasgow G41 2SQ ***Telephone: 0141 420 6600***

What is independent advocacy?

Advocacy helps you to stand up for your rights, to be heard by people and organisations who have power over you.

An independent advocate is loyal only to you. They give you the information you need to make your own decisions. They support you to speak up on your own behalf or speak up for you if you do not feel able to.

Independent advocates do not work for any public body. They do not charge you for their services. They will not tell you what to do, or give you advice.

Advocacy comes in different forms:

Professional advocates – Usually paid (but can be volunteers) providing support on specific issues, usually for a limited time.

Citizen Advocates – Ordinary, unpaid citizens, supporting only one person over a longer period.

Group/Self Advocacy – People coming together as a group to support each other and tackle shared issues, helped by an advocacy project.

How can I get advocacy support?

You can get in touch directly with any of the organisations listed inside this leaflet, or someone else can refer you. There is no charge for these services.

What are my rights?

The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 gives a right to access advocacy to people suffering from mental illness, dementia, learning disability, autism, brain injury/ damage, or personality disorder. Other people can access advocacy services but do not have a legal right.

How can I get more information?

Any of the organisations listed in this leaflet would be happy to talk to you about advocacy or to send you one of their own leaflets. Simply contact them at the address or phone number given.

More information about advocacy in Scotland and Glasgow can be found on the website of the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance: www.siaa.org.uk/glasgow. This also has links to other relevant sites.

Independent Advocacy Services in Greater Glasgow