

Dates for your diary:

Launch Event:

Wednesday 18th July

Ramgarhia Sikh Centre

10am to 12.30pm



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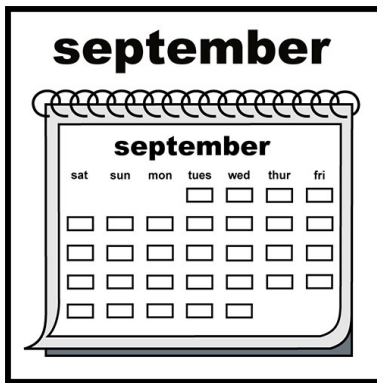


Advonet is working with Touchstone, Age UK Leeds and SignHealth to make advocacy better in Leeds.

Come and find out what that means.

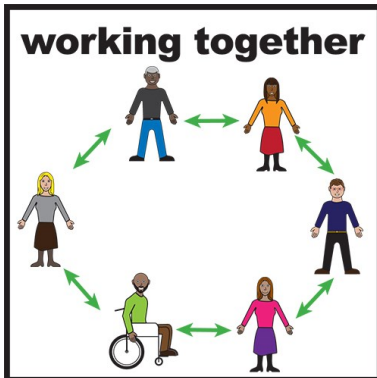
We think this is very good news, we would like you to help us celebrate.

If you want to come, you can get a free ticket online: [eventbrite.co.uk/e/advonet-advocacy-consortium-launch-event-tickets-44838844190](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advonet-advocacy-consortium-launch-event-tickets-44838844190).



Wednesday 19th September

It is for people who want to work with us to use advocacy to make a big difference.



It will build on the success of last year's "Strengthen the City Through Advocacy" event.

If you want to help us run this exciting event, or want to come, please contact us.

You can email office@advonet.org.uk or call **0113 244 0606**.



Leeds Autism AIM gets Big Lottery funding!

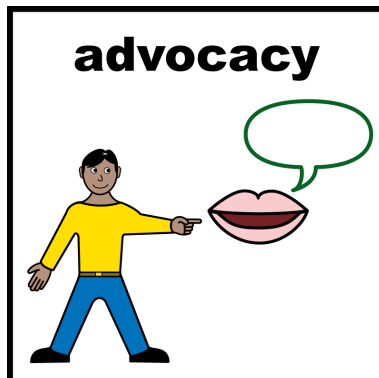
Leeds Autism AIM has been got three years' funding from the Big Lottery Fund.



The new funds will help them to run their services. They include the Lovell Autism Hub.

It will be added to funding from the Leeds NHS Clinical Commissioning Group - CCG.

AIM supported over 400 people over the last year. Thank you to the Big Lottery and CCG funders for their support.



Changes at Advonet

We won a contract to give advocacy support in Leeds for the next 5 years, until 2023.

We will do more around involving people who get advocacy support.

We will work with Touchstone, SignHealth and Age UK Leeds. This will mean supporting black and minority ethnic (BME) and older people more often.

Advonet will also promote self-advocacy. We will help more people to speak for themselves.

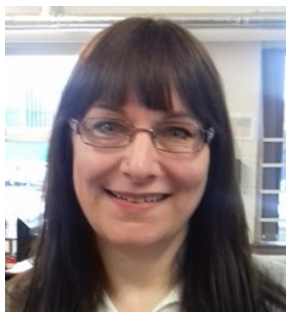
Advonet will be doing pop-up advocacy support. There will be sessions at community hubs in autumn 2018.

We are excited about our plans for the next 5 years.

We will share our plans in our newsletters and events.

New staff at Advonet

Advonet have six new members of staff. They will all work in the office.



Lee-Simone Greenfield is the Advocacy Director. She will manage all the Advocates.



Mark Healy is a Lead Advocate. Mark will work with deaf people. He comes from SignHealth.



Clare de Arostegui is the Finance Director. She will manage all the money at Advonet.



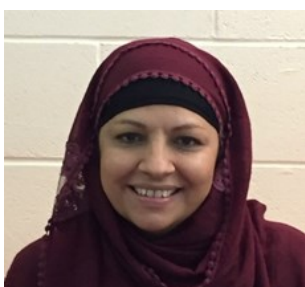
Geraldine Scott and **Debbie McVeigh** are Lead Advocates. They will work with older people, They come from Age UK Leeds. The woman in the picture is Debbie.

Kerry Shipley is a Lead Advocate. She will work on mental health. She comes from Touchstone.

Advonet staff move into new roles



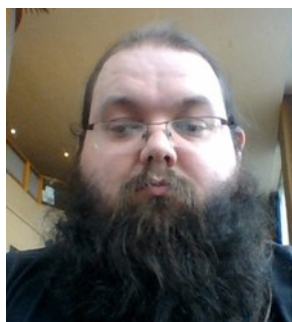
Wendy Cork is the Advocacy Development and Partnerships Director. She will help to make the new advocacy group bigger.



Bushra Javed is our new Peer and Volunteer Advocacy Manager. She will manage all the volunteer advocates.



Rosie Whitmore, Paul Holland, Kevin Speakman and Irene Crawshaw are all Advocacy Managers. They will manage the different teams of advocates.



Luke Aylward is the Communications and Network Officer. He does the newsletter, website and social media.



Free advocacy training

Our next free Effective Advocacy and Negotiation Skills training course is on:

Thursday 21st June and

Tuesday 26th June

9am to 4pm.

You must do both days in order to complete the training.

Email us at office@advonet.org.uk if you want to book a place.

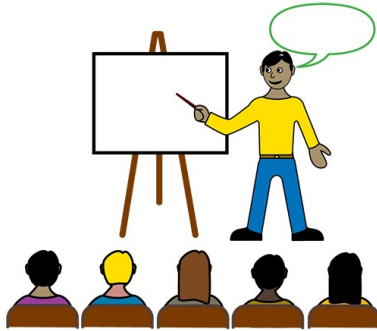


Advonet want trustees

We are looking for people to join Advonet's board of trustees. Their job is to make sure Advonet do their job properly.

They meet once every three months. They also sometimes talk outside of those meetings.

We are looking for people with lived experience and professional experience to join. Email Philip at philip.bramson@advonet.org.uk for more info.



Volunteer Citizen Advocates needed

Advonet are looking for volunteers to support adults with learning disabilities in Leeds as Citizen Advocates.

Citizen advocates are volunteers who help with things like:

- Visiting and finding out what they want
- Being independent. Some people only have paid support in their lives
- Building a relationship and advocating when needed
- Identifying choices and decisions, but not making or guiding them

Full training over four days is provided. It includes learning disabilities awareness, safeguarding and advocacy training.

If you are interested, email Julia at julia.kinch@advonet.org.uk or visit advonet.org.uk/Join-Us/Volunteers.



People's Parliament choose representatives for the Partnership Board

At the People's Parliament meeting on Tuesday 3rd April, people held a vote.

They picked who would represent the People's Parliament on the Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board for the next year.

There were great speeches from the 18 candidates. The six people with the most votes will be the regular representatives;

Susan Hanley Bernie Spellman

Janet Simpson Julie Hill

Chris Charlton Annette Probets



The next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th June**. It is a joint People's Parliament and Partnership Board to launch the new strategy.

At the meeting, people met the Lord Mayor, Cllr Jane Dowson. She is pictured next to Jonathan on the left.



Changes to Advonet's newsletters

Advonet are making changes to their newsletters.



The printed newsletter will be every three months. It will have four pages.

There will be a new email newsletter. This will be out every month. It will have news about Advonet.

The new email newsletter will also have news about other things. They include groups like Touchstone, events and projects like Asking You! and Leep1.

Click on this link if you want to get the email newsletter: advonet.org.uk/newsletter

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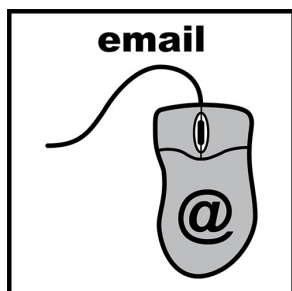


Contact Advonet

There are a lot of different ways that you can contact Advonet. Our opening hours are **9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday**. We are closed on weekends and Bank Holidays.



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