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Providing Independent Advocacy

# **Strengthening the City Through Advocacy 2018**

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**Thursday 4th October 2018**  
**Banqueting Suite**  
**Leeds Civic Hall**  
**10am-2pm**

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**The follow-up to last year's  
city-wide advocacy event**

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# **Programme**

# Schedule

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| <b>10:00-10:15am</b>   | <b>Registration and tea &amp; coffee</b>  |
| <b>10:15-10:25am</b>   | <b>Welcome</b>  |
| <b>10:25-10:30am</b>   | <b>Update on what's happened with Advocacy in Leeds over the last year</b>  |
| <b>10:30-10:40am</b>   | <b>Recap of the feedback from last year's event, which shaped today's programme</b>   |
| <b>10:40-11.40am</b>   | <b>Workshops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Campaigning Advocacy (case study: Mental Capacity Act/ DoLS changes) -how we can influence change</b></li><li>• <b>Advocacy and Capacity Building (challenge: preparing for Universal Credit) - how advocacy can be part of a partnership response</b></li><li>• <b>Tools that help people advocate for themselves (case studies: CHANGE and Leeds Autism AIM's tools)</b></li><li>• <b>Advocacy reaching people in marginalised groups (case study: Leeds GATE &amp; Gypsy and Traveller community)</b></li><li>• <b>Self-advocacy (case study: how self-advocacy can help older people)</b></li><li>• <b>Practical Advocacy-Based Solutions (case studies: bilingual surgeries &amp; care home advocacy)</b></li></ul> |
| <b>11:40am-12:10pm</b> | <b>Headline Feedback from workshops</b>   |
| <b>12:10-12:30pm</b>   | <b>Creating the 2019-23 Advocacy Plan</b>   |
| <b>12:30-1:00pm</b>    | <b>Launch of the Leeds Advocacy Network</b>   |
| <b>1:00-2:00pm</b>     | <b>Lunch and networking</b>   |

## About the event

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**Strengthening the City Through Advocacy 2018** will explore the amazingly diverse range of advocacy activity in Leeds and invite participants to think together about other opportunities for advocacy to assist those facing disadvantage in the city.

We will launch the new **Leeds Advocacy Network**, an chance for partners to join group of organisations across the city who offer formal or informal advocacy support.

There will be workshops on six specific areas relating to advocacy and updates on the latest developments.

The feedback from this event will help shape the **Leeds Advocacy Plan for 2019-2023**.

# Workshops

## Campaigning Advocacy

Advocacy can be collective as well as individual. The workshop will look at the proposed changes to Mental Capacity Act. How can advocacy organisations and their allies use evidence to constructively challenge changes like these?



Workshop co-led by the Alzheimer's Society

## Advocacy and Capacity Building

How can advocacy help respond to and address new challenges? We use Universal Credit, and the difficulties which may arise from the rollout of the new benefit, to explore the problem solving potential of a partnership approach.



Workshop co-led by Leeds Citizens Advice

## Using self-advocacy tools

How can we help the people we support to speak up for themselves? This workshop will explore the use of self-advocacy tools in a range of settings and situations. We will use self-advocacy tools created by CHANGE and our Leeds Autism AIM project as examples.



Workshop co-led by CHANGE

## Advocacy in marginalised groups

This workshop is all about how we reach communities in Leeds who have historically faced barriers when it comes to accessing advocacy support. We will look at a case study from Leeds GATE and their work with people in the Gypsy and Traveller communities.



Workshop co-led by Leeds GATE

## Self-advocacy training and groups

In this workshop, we will talk about how self-advocacy and its potential to be used by different communities across Leeds. We will explore how self-advocacy groups might help older people in the city, before considering other needs .



Workshop co-led by Age UK Leeds and Leeds Black Elders Association (LBEA)

## Practical advocacy-based solutions

This workshop is all about the potential of in-house or bespoke advocacy services, tailored to the needs of the clients in a particular setting. We will use case studies from bilingual advocates attached to surgeries and an advocate working with people living in care homes.



Workshop co-led by Leeds City Council Migrant Access and Exemplar Health Care

# Leeds Advocacy Network



The **Leeds Advocacy Network** is a new network of local organisations who offer a wide range of formal and informal advocacy as part of what they do. Its aim is to strengthen advocacy as a whole throughout Leeds, reaching every potential client which we possibly can.

If you want to join the network, there will be more info at the event. We will have a talk towards the end, launching the network, and some forms for any organisations who would like to join. Membership of the network is completely **free!**

## Our advocacy consortium partners



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