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# **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>10:15-10:20am</b>	<b>Welcome from Philip Bramson, Advonet Chief Executive</b>
<b>10:20-10:30am</b>	<b>Fiona Martin from Leeds City Council, Adults &amp; Health - Using a strengths-based approach to social work and the connections to advocacy</b>
<b>10:30-10:40am</b>	<b>Wendy Cork, Advonet Advocacy Development &amp; Partnerships Director - Recap of the feedback from last year's event, which shaped today's programme</b>
<b>10:40-11:35am</b>	<b>Tabletop discussions: See Page 3 for details</b>
<b>11:35am-12:05pm</b>	<b>Headline feedback from workshops</b>
<b>Noon-12:05pm</b>	<b>Cllr Rebecca Charlwood, Leeds City Council Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults - Joining the dots of advocacy in Leeds and unleashing its preventative potential</b>
<b>12:10-12:30pm</b>	<b>Creating the 2019-23 Advocacy Plan</b>
<b>12:30-12:40pm</b>	<b>Andy Jones, Project Worker at SPACE - A case study in how advocacy training can build capacity</b>
<b>12:40-1:00pm</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**, a chance for partners to join the 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**.

# Tabletop discussions

## 1) Campaigning Advocacy

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



Workshop co-led by the Alzheimer's Society

## 2) Advocacy and Capacity Building

How can advocacy help respond to and address new challenges? For example, introduction of 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 and Chapeltown Citizens Advice

## 3) 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

## 4) 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

## 5) Self-Advocacy Training & Groups

In this workshop, we will talk about 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

## 6) 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 we possibly can.

If you want to join the network, there will be more information 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!**

## Contact us



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