







# Community Advocacy

The right amount of advocacy when you need it

Advonet, Touchstone, SignHealth and Age UK Leeds are in a group. We all work together to give people in Leeds a voice.

We provide independent advocacy for you.



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## **What is Community Advocacy?**



Advocacy helps you to say what you want, when you need it the most.

A Community Advocate works with you to:



- · Help make your voice heard
- · Get the support you need
- Help secure your rights



#### What our service does

Community Advocacy helps you to understand your choices. It helps you have a say in what you need.



It is for any adult who needs help to have their voice heard. This helps when dealing with:



- Adult Social Care
- · Healthcare professionals
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Utility companies and housing services



We are here to support you to keep your rights.

## How we can help



#### **What our Advocates do**

- Advocacy if you don't speak English as your first language
- Advocacy over the phone



- One-to-one meetings
- Support with specific issues
- Peer advocacy Supporting communities or groups to advocate for change



 Support for self-advocacy - Empowering you to say what your needs are and stress your rights



## Information and signposting

You can contact our office from **9am to 5pm**, **Monday to Friday.** This is if you need information about organisations in Leeds which may be able to help you.



Our team of advocates know a lot. They speak many different languages.

They understand a lot of cultural, mental health and disability-related issues.

### Contact us

We have a first contact team that can help you. To find out which advocacy service is the right one for vou or to make a referral, vou can contact us by phone, email, post or on our website.





# Call 0113 244 0606

Opening times: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm



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We do advocacy using **British Sign Language** (BSL)

















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