Newsletter November 2014

"Advonet

Supporting & Promoting Advocacy

Single Point of Access

Advonet has been busy setting up a database which will enhance the Single Point of Access. All our subcontractors will have access to the database and we will be able to post referrals to each other via the database. Records of advocacy clients will be held centrally, though subcontractors will not be able to view each others' details, in keeping with Data Protection. This will further improve the client experience, speed up referrals and provide more robust reports.

Summer Galas

We had all the fun of the fair at Horsforth and Kirkstall galas on Saturday 28 June and 12 July. Advonet set up a bright and colourful stand at each event to spread the word about advocacy and to sign up potential volunteers.



Effective Advocacy and Negotiation Skills

Our popular advocacy course drew 14 people from 6 organisations when it was run on 8 & 9 July. We had a smaller group of 9 in October but still ran the course as several people had taken time off work to attend for their volunteering roles in advocacy. Participants said:

"Very friendly and easy to talk to.....They gave good presentations—made us think and made it interesting."

"The staff spoke clearly and confidently."

"Good methods—was practical and changed with the group, rather than a blanket PowerPoint."



Our next course will be Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 February 2015.