

Getting the Advocacy Project to Here

Meetings held, workshops run, etc.

Meetings held:

Sue Perry and Helen Monks, Community Development Team, EWPCT
Nigel Hunt, VAWD
Kathy Allen, Community Engagement Manager, CXO, WMDC
David Critchlow and Kurshid Ali, Community Cohesion, CXO, WMDC
Guy Harrison, Development Dept., WMDC
Celia Bateson, Patient and Public Involvement Forum
Rodney Herman, Pontefract Family Centre
Liz Gordon, Parent Partnership Service, CEO, WMDC
Maggi Harrison, NIMHE
Sue Maynard-Campbell, Equal Ability
Chris Dean, Community Involvement, WWPCT
Hazel Walker, Pastoral Care, Fieldhead
Alf Cunliffe, Wakefield Tenants and Residents Federation
Elaine Edwards, Community Involvement Manager, Ferry Fryston and Airedale Sure Start
Lyn Daniel, Peer Education Programme Manager, EWPCT
Peter Elliott, Head of Lifelong Learning, Adult Education, WMDC
Tricia Edwards, Intermediate Care Team Manager, Pontefract, WMDC
Ian Copley, Development Worker, Adult Education
Lou Ford, Coordinator, 1 in 4 Theatre Company, (user-led MH advocacy group, Leeds)
Alan Bell, Regional Manager, CISWO
Phil Murray, Manager, Westfield Resource Centre, South Elmsall
Derek Stead, Development Manager, Glasshoughton Centre
Rachel Merritt, Connexions, Minsthorpe Community College, nr South Elmsall
Mohammed Ayub, Next Generation (29 October)

Martin Coyle, Advocacy Network Leeds
Kim Beresford, Doncaster Advocacy
George Clarke, Gateshead Advocacy and Information Network (GAIN)
Patrick Wood, UK Advocacy Network (UKAN), Sheffield
Roger Milthorp, Cloverleaf Advocacy, Dewsbury

Conferences, networks, training, and similar meetings:

Advocacy, Interpreting, and Advice - a one day conference organised by Liverpool Citizen Advocacy
Citizen Advocacy Coalition, North East Regional Co-ordinators Group
Doncaster Advocacy Network Group
Training for Trainers, run by Fast Forward, an Advocacy Training and Consultancy organisation
National Advocacy Network Conference (November 2004)
The Leadership Series, Directory of Social Change (November 2004)

Workshops, Presentations and User Meetings:

Pontefract CMHT Team Meeting (presentation)
York House, Ossett (self-advocacy introduction training to be arranged)
Trans-Cultural Mental Health Focus Group (informal presentations)
Pioneers Group, Pontefract (brief presentation, getting to know people, aiming for follow-up)
Barracks Community Association, Pontefract (initial contact, arranged follow-up)
Aysgarth Community Association, Lupset (initial contact, to arrange follow-up)
Meeting DIAL Volunteers (follow-up workshop arranged)
CODE Works, District-wide network for Community Development Workers (presentation/workshop to cascade to user groups and arrange further workshops)
Festival of Age, Lupset (information stall)
Festival of Age, Knottingley (information stall)
Involvement event organised by Wakefield District Housing, Eastmoor (stall)
World Mental Health Day events in CISWO (Pontefract) and Fieldhead (information and workshop offered on user development of MH Advocacy contract)
Training and capacity building at Rasa Advocacy Project, fortnightly, ongoing
Racial Harassment Group (attended and shared information)
Central Jamia Mosque, Mr Shah

Workshops and presentations planned:

Rasa Advocacy Project - fortnightly sessions
York House - intro to self advocacy - spread over several weeks starting (21/10)
DIAL - 3hr workshop on DIAL and advocacy, with staff and volunteers (26/10)
CAB Service Managers - 1½ hrs (28/10)
Intermediate Care Team, Pontefract, 1½ hrs (28/10)
Young Parents Group, Ferry Fryston and Airedale Sure Start (2/11)
Open House, Wakefield - staff presentation followed by user workshop (3/11)
Day Treatment Service, Pontefract - staff presentation (4/11)
Befrienders Project, Pastoral Care, Fieldhead - 1½ hr workshop (8/11)
Assertive Outreach Team (Wakefield), presentation to team meeting (12/11)
Age Concern, meeting some service users (12/11)
Connexions Access Point, Minsthorpe Community College, presentation (16/11)
1 in 4 Theatre Company, Advocacy and Theatre Workshop, (6/12)

Work to arrange:

Workshops or meetings with users of advocacy services, including the Children's Advocacy Service, Your Voice, Lift Up Self Advocacy
Return visits to South Elmsall and other outlying areas
Return visits to the Pioneers Group and two Community Associations
Mosque Committee has been contacted - follow up and contact other 5 mosques
Follow up other faith contacts

Publications

One leaflet so far - 'What is Independent Advocacy?'
Further titles planned - 'Introduction to the Advocacy Project', 'Advocacy Provision in Wakefield District', etc.