

TYPES AND DEFINITIONS OF ADVOCACY

“Advocacy is speaking up for yourself or another person to secure rights, meet needs or support people to make informed decisions.”

Formal Advocacy

A paid Advocate, often with expert knowledge, speaks up for someone. Usually equipped to deal with a wide range of issues.

Citizen Advocacy

Someone who doesn't have problems being heard with someone who does have difficulty on a one to one basis.

Self Advocacy

When people who have not had the chance to speak up for themselves get together to try and change things.

Crisis Advocacy

A one-off emergency situation where an Advocate is required.

Peer Group Advocacy

People with similar problems help each other.

Campaigning Advocacy

A group of people represent the view of others in an attempt to change legislation.