



Other HARG Projects...

**Independent Mental Capacity
Advocacy (IMCA)** contracts for
Hampshire and Southampton

Your Voice Advocacy

For older people or those with
dementia living in the City of
Southampton

Access Advocacy

For people with physical disability
living in Hampshire

**Mental Health Development
Project** starting in 2008

Advocacy Qualification

Commission from the Department
of Health to write part of the new
national advocacy qualification

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know more:



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Working together to promote
advocacy across Hampshire
and the cities of Southampton
and Portsmouth



Who are we?

- ◆ Hampshire advocacy projects have met since the 1990s
- ◆ From this came our network - HARG - now an organisation in its own right, with board of trustees and small staff team
- ◆ As a coalition, we now have a dozen member projects from across the county



Our aims are to...

- ◆ Promote independent advocacy in Hampshire
- ◆ Identify gaps in local advocacy provision and develop new schemes where appropriate
- ◆ Strengthen existing advocacy schemes
- ◆ Formalise local advocacy standards
- ◆ Engage in dialogue with local statutory bodies and funders



What is Advocacy?



- ◆ Supporting someone to speak up or speaking on their behalf
- ◆ Listening and making sure that others listen too
- ◆ Valuing a person's opinions
- ◆ Safeguarding their rights and wishes



Who we work with

Anyone who is disadvantaged or at risk of exclusion. Our members work with the following groups:

Learning disability

Mental health issues

Physical disability

Older people

Substance & alcohol misuse

Children

Carers



Code of Practice

HARG has developed its own **Advocacy Standards**

and **Independence Statement**, part of a Code of Practice which all members sign up to

This is to make sure that all of our advocacy work is:

- ◆ Led by the individual
- ◆ Not time-restricted
- ◆ Independent
- ◆ Confidential
- ◆ Respectful
- ◆ Non-judgemental
- ◆ Open and accountable
- ◆ Free to users
- ◆ Safe and secure for all

See our website for more details

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