

Why Self-Advocacy?

OUR LIVES - OUR RIGHTS
REDUCING DEPENDENCY, PROMOTING RIGHTS

YOUR VIEWS ARE VALUED...
TAKE PART! CAFE CONVERSATION

60 places on a training course - we have funding to do this

SELF-ADVOCACY
WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND if we look at ourselves so we can challenge others

SELF-ADVOCACY IS!

- Speaking up for yourself
- Knowing about your rights
- Having the opportunity to express your rights
- You can change things so you can make your life better

HISTORY IN WALES

- 1970: GOT PEOPLE TOGETHER AT SCOW
- 1970: LEARNING DISABILITY WALES
- 2001: MID GLANTRIGIAN PEOPLE FIRST
- 2001: ALL WALES PEOPLE FIRST - MEMBER-LED COMPANY
- 2014: 1st MANIFESTO + 2nd + 3rd

WHAT NOW?

- Keep on believing in yourself
- Keep challenging people
- it's ok to make mistakes
- OK
- Stick to your ideas and what you want to do
- cell people about All Wales People first
- TELL PEOPLE
- If someone makes you feel bad about yourself - stay away
- stay away
- going forwards slow, going back can be fast
- forwards slow

1st Right: Normal patterns of life in the community - live in your community and use all the things there
Shopping! Work! gym! church! pub! sports centres!

2nd Right: The right to be treated as an individual - Everyone's different, we're not all the same. We don't want everyone to wear pink!

3rd Right: The right to have support from your community and services, so you can LIVE THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE

CHOICE RIGHTS CONTROL HAVING A VOICE

I AM A LEADER
ALL WALES PEOPLE FIRST - We already do advocacy, we can lead on this!

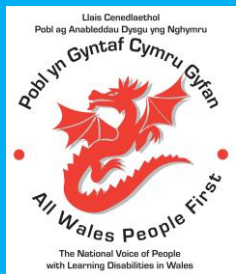
WE WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU! Grassroots people

WE LEARNT ABOUT AND VOTED: ANNUAL REPORT AGM

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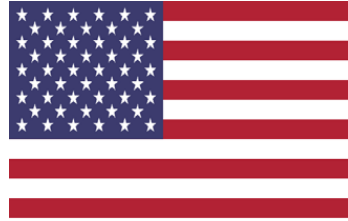
What is All Wales People First?

- National Umbrella Group of self-advocacy groups in Wales.
- National Council – 22 reps/ 22 groups.
- Support self-advocacy groups to get going and keep going.



What is People First?

- The Beginning – Oregon



- International Political and Rights Movement



- Self-advocacy



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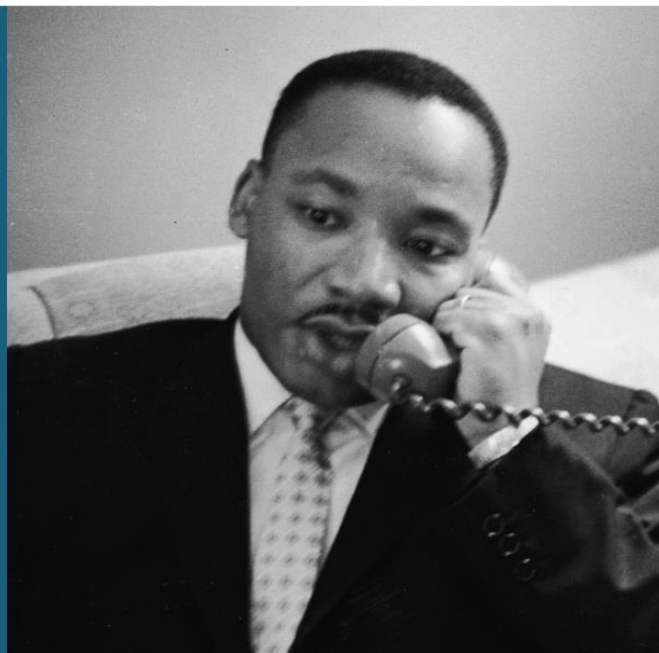
- Not Advocacy (reactive)
- Self-Advocacy (The ultimate preventative service)
- Getting rights and holding onto them.
- Speaking up (only one part of it).
- Being present and being visible (safety).



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Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

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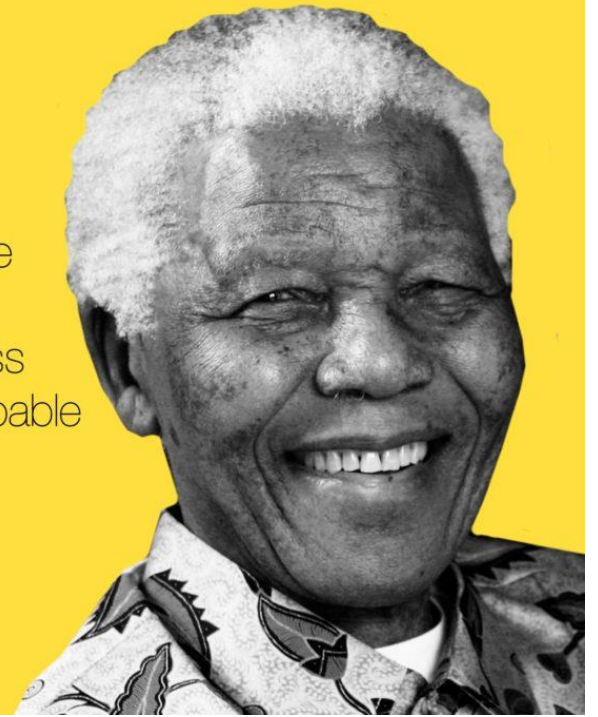
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There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

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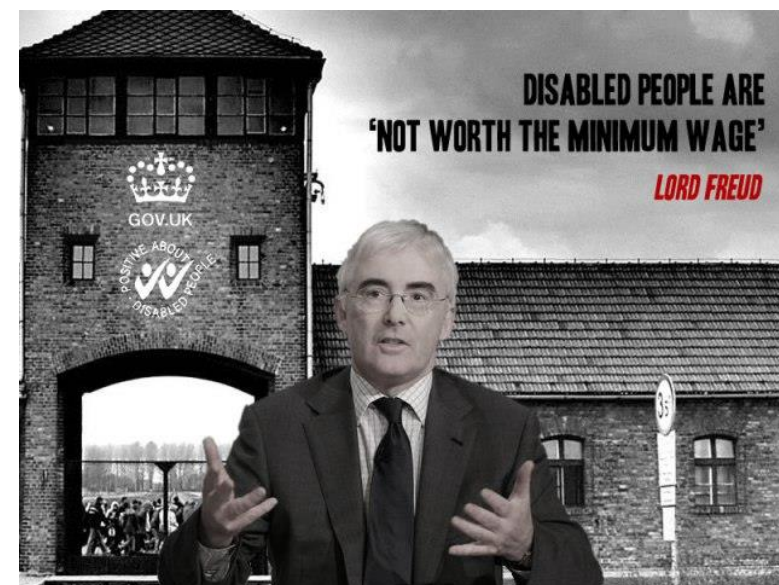
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Self-advocates in History

People with Learning Disabilities (our journey)

- Boom and Bust.
- Care in the Community.
- New Labour.
- Rocket.
- Care Services – Risk adverse – Class C Abuse/ medical model.
- Benefits/ negative publicity/ hate crime.
- Society didn't want us.
- We want to contribute.
- Young People First members.



The Current Situation in Wales

- Advocacy Grant Scheme (pump prime funding)
- SSWB Wales Act – Advocacy Technical Groups
- Independent Professional Advocacy Contr:
- Self-advocacy misunderstood
- Only 1-1 advocacy statutory
- Newport People First
- Pooling of budgets (West Wales) – Carmarthenshire People First
- Powys People First (less for more)
- Neath (self-advocacy in house)
- Uncertainty amongst other groups
- AWPf actions
- Local Authority vs Welsh Government
- Brexit



Why should a local authority fund self advocacy?

- It gives the person choice and control of the decisions that affect their life.
- It makes sure people get the right support at the right time.
- It greatly reduces dependence on peer advocacy.
- Self-Advocacy can save service providers money.
- Self advocacy groups help people with learning disabilities access their local communities.
- Self-advocacy is key to ensuring that people with learning disabilities can access a range of services as outlined in the population assessment of the Social Services and Well Being Act.

Why should a local authority fund self advocacy?

- Self advocacy allows pwld's to play an active part in challenging society about the negative perceptions about them.
- Self advocacy groups can inform service funders about their needs and changing trends in their LA area.
- It Empowers Local Authorities to fund services that deliver well being outcomes – SSWB Wales Act.
- And hold those service providers to account.
- It is the best avenue to a truly person centered life.
- Preventative, preventative preventative!!!!!!

Thank you for
listening.