Advocacy

Activity

Sheet 2.18

Learning aim B3

The role of an advocate is to represent another person and speak on their behalf.

1. Identify who may act as an advocate, giving three examples.

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1. Explain, giving two reasons, why people with learning disabilities may need an advocate.

1. A charity for people with learning disabilities is planning to advertise for an advocate. You have been asked to draft an advertisement. Use the template on the next page to produce your job advertisement.

You need to include:

* a brief definition of an advocate
* a description of the advocate’s role and responsibilities
* the skills required to carry out the role.

Pause point

Identify difficulties that can arise in advocacy.

Hint: Remember that the advocate is representing the wishes and views of the service user.

Extend: Research the rights of individuals to advocacy.

*Your Choice* charity for people with learning disabilities is looking for a part-time advocate to join their team.

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| Job role (brief definition):  |
| Role and responsibilities (identify four examples of what an advocate is expected to do): |
| Skills required (identify four skills that are a requirement of an effective advocate): |