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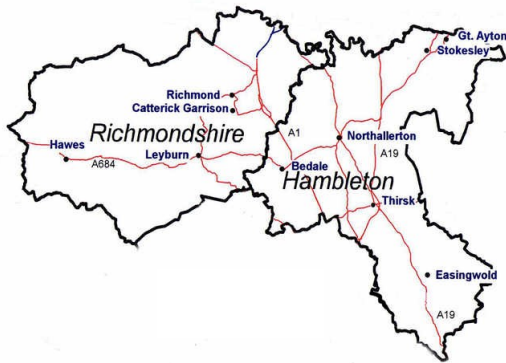
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Do you want to do something worthwhile, whilst gaining knowledge about the role of the services in your area?

Do you like a challenge and want to support people to make their own decisions?

Can you spare some time to support people to secure their rights?

If so, come and have an informal discussion about what we do, and how you could be part of our team.



Hambleton & Richmondshire **Advocacy**

Information for Volunteers

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Helping People Speak Up
for
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“Advocacy helps people to say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain services they need”

Action for Advocacy

Why do we need you?

We need volunteer advocates to help us maintain our high quality advocacy service to people in Hambleton and Richmondshire and to make the service accessible to more people.

We need to support clients to make their own decisions and choices which will lead to them having more control in their lives.

Who comes to us for support?

Our service is for anybody who needs support in dealing with a difficult situation in their lives.

Who are we and what do we do?

We are an independent Charity offering a free service to people in Hambleton and Richmondshire, with offices in Northallerton and Richmond.

Our staff work closely with our volunteer advocates to provide a confidential service to clients.

“I have gained immensely from my time spent with H & R Advocacy”

“My clients are very satisfied with the work I have done for them”

What will I do if I become an Advocate?

The volunteer advocate will work in partnership with the staff member and client to identify and work through the client’s issues.

So what do I do next?

An information pack is available from either office. You will be asked to complete the application form and provide references. An enhanced CRB check will be required.

Why become an Advocate?

- To support people to speak up for themselves
- To feel that you are doing something worthwhile
- To gain a knowledge and understanding of the roles of services in the community
- To take part in a comprehensive induction programme
- To take part in other internal and external training
- To have regular support from the staff team
- To enhance your CV to possibly gain further work in the sector

Some skills you may be able to offer

- To be able to listen
- To show empathy
- To act in a confidential manner at all times
- To be approachable and confident
- To be non-judgemental
- To be tenacious
- To be patient
- To have the ability to see the whole picture
- To be able to accept disappointment
- To be able to attend meetings and put client’s views forward
- To have a sense of humour