



Advocacy Action Ltd

Annual Report

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Finance

We agreed in the last AGM to apply the audit exemption for Societies with low income (as per our Rules, para. 52 (b)).

We had a total income last year of just under £6000, and at the end of the year we were left with a balance of £300. Basic accounts have been produced as per the requirements of the Industrial & Provident Societies Act (1965) and are available on request.

We expect to have a marginally greater cash flow this year, but we are sill proposing to apply the audit exemption.

Members

We obviously had a couple of excellent Co-chairs last year, as shown by the fact that they both moved on to better jobs in Leeds! We hope that they find their new work rewarding, but of course we are sorry to see them go.

We have also recruited four new members this year even though we have still done no advertising.

Ben Brown, Urban Space Community (Treasurer)
Maggie Clarke, Children's Advocacy Service
Henry Fisher
Jody Gabriel, Lift Up Self Advocacy
Bev Land, DIAL Wakefield
Fatemeh Shabram, RASA Advocacy Project
Maureen Slack
Mark Stanworth
Roy Stanworth
Ian Wilson, Age Concern Wakefield District
Cloverleaf Advocacy

Goodbye to:

Carol McGrath
Paul Wright

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Introduction

Welcome to Advocacy Action's second annual report, for the year from 1 November 2005 to 31 October 2006.

This was another year of fun and collaboration and very little funding for most of the time. Henry spent quite a lot of time doing sessional mental health advocacy work for Cloverleaf, and various other bits of collaborative work.

Several opportunities seemed to come up, but none of them seemed like they really fitted in with the ethos and aims of Advocacy Action. We were able to wait, luckily, and given the small amount of funding we received we are quite happy with the results.

Thanks again to all our supporters and the people who worked with us over the year.

Goodbye to Paul and Carol, and we are glad to hear that you are happy in your new jobs.

Here's to the future.

Henry Fisher
Project Co-ordinator

Achievements

We started the year with £58 and quite a lot of hope. We managed to:

- Work with Wakefield District Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership to write a Complaints Policy and Code of Practice.
- Get a contract to deliver training to Connexions PAs: Practical Advocacy Techniques for Supporting Young People
- Create a website at www.advocacyaction.org.uk
- Supported Rasa Advocacy Project by working with their volunteers, and by being elected onto their committee
- Supported Lift Up including helping them with interviewing skills and standing in for their helpers to cover meetings and holidays
- Continued to represent Wakefield on the Committee of the National Advocacy Network (NAN), including producing a newsletter
- Completed a Code of Practice for advocates in Wakefield
- Worked for six months with a homeless man who didn't fit the criteria for any other local advocacy project
- Provided professional supervision for a local volunteer advocate