

Community Networker

Why be a Community Networker?

You will be able to learn the basics of advocacy and develop your skills by running stalls and telling others about advocacy face to face. Your aim will be to make sure our service is reaching every part of Doncaster.

How will I know if it's right for me?

- You're good at talking to groups and at events in the local community.
- You want to learn a little bit more about advocacy with a moderate level of commitment.
- You understand the importance of more people finding about advocacy and want to help others learn more.

What will I do?

1. You will attend 2 induction training sessions.
2. Then, you will need to commit either to running a stall or attending an event, at least once a month for three months.
3. Whatever the event is we will provide all the publicity and equipment for you, you just need to go there and tell others about the Service.
4. At the end you will feedback to us on how you think the event went.

How much time will I have to give?

- Induction training – 6 hours over 2 sessions of 3 hours each.
- About 8 hours a month, for at least 3 months. This will be broken down into a) 1 hour discussing where we can run events, b) 4-6 hours attending events or running stalls and c) 1 hour for feedback.

What will Doncaster Advocacy Services offer me in return?

You'll get our induction and Speak Out training, which is great experience for future voluntary or paid opportunities with us. You will also get reasonable travel expenses and a voluntary reference when you've finished with us.

Do I need any training or skills?

Community Networkers should be confident at speaking to strangers about advocacy. You should be able to talk about advocacy in a way that is appealing and accurate. Ideally you should be able to travel to events independently and should be able to get to Doncaster for training.

If I sign up what happens next?

We will send you a Volunteer Form, then call you for a chat and see if the role is right for you. Next we will invite you to an induction training and to complete a DBS check. We will then arrange a meeting or phone call where we can discuss what events you could attend on our behalf. Then once the date is in the diary, we will make sure you can get access to the equipment and publicity you need and you'll be ready to start!