

Chairs Report

Hi, I'm Jimmy MacIntosh, MBE. I'm very proud to be Chair of Partners in Advocacy and warmly welcome you into the world of independent advocacy and Partners in Advocacy. We are proud to be able to support children, young people, and adults with additional support needs, physical disabilities and mental health issues - supporting People to achieve their Potential, to live their Dreams, to enjoy Quality of Life.

We celebrated 10 years of work in 2009 with several events leaving many warm memories to cherish. We hope this report delivers a flavour of our work and our vision for the future. I hope it inspires you, you learn a little, you think a lot, and you turn your good thought into positive action in your everyday life.



Partners in Advocacy AGM Poem

How do you see me?
In today's society?
A dafty, a retard, a mong, a cripp
a nutter, a dumbo,
things really not that hip

But look through my eyes
And see what I see
A life full of actual possibility

Partners in Advocacy,
See things differently
From the majority
In our society

From small beginnings,
Growing larger, stronger
Increasing our diversity
Of who we are and what we do

Taking time
We Listen
To establish someone's point of view
Through their eyes
And what they say
Get people to listen
And Act
In a way
That ensures
That what we do
Gives people a say
In the life that is rightly theirs
Providing people with
Voices for Choices.

by Stuart Wardall

Our Services

GLASGOW

Short-term advocacy for:

- children & young people with additional support needs
- children & young people with mental health difficulties (Glasgow and Clyde)

Young People's Advisory Group

EAST RENFREWSHIRE

Short-term advocacy for:

- children & young people

MIDLOTHIAN

Short-term advocacy for:

- adults with a learning disability

EAST LOTHIAN

Short-term advocacy for:

- adults with additional support needs

Group advocacy
Smart-Talk Group

DUNDEE

Short-term advocacy for:

- adults, children & young people with additional support needs

Citizen advocacy for:

- adults with additional support needs

Self-advocacy group for:

- children & young people

Local Action Group
Coordination of National Children's & Young People's Advocacy
Worker's Network

EDINBURGH

Short-term advocacy for:

- adults with learning difficulties
- adults with physical difficulties
- Adults Stroke Project
- children & young people with mental health issues

Citizen advocacy for:

- children & young people with additional support needs

Group advocacy for:

- children & young people
- Uniting voices

The Inclusion Group



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"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win"

Mahatma Gandhi



Annual Review



We support people to ...

- Speak up
- Be heard
- Access services
- Make real choices

1998

A STAR IS BORN
 March and with support from Barnardo's, Partners in Advocacy is born, an independent professional advocacy organisation. Referrals flood in, we support people challenged with the effects of Aspergers, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Bipolar, for example, to live fulfilling lives in the community. We support them to access housing, education, training, medical treatment, social work support – to cope with everyday hurdles, to turn dreams into reality, ensuring their legal rights are upheld. We build confidence so that people can speak up for themselves, make choices, be heard. We support them to collectively campaign for better services.

services. An evaluation framework is born to clearly show what difference we are making to people's lives.

We celebrate 10 years of making a real difference to people across Scotland with local events in Glasgow and Dundee. In Edinburgh Rhona Brankin MSP hosts a reception at the Scottish Parliament, with Dharmendra Kanani, BIG's Director of Scotland, Patricia Ferguson Inclusion Group and PIA Board member, and Dr Heti Davies as key speakers plus a gorgeous cake. We look back with warm memories and plan ahead ready to support the thousands more people who need us. Recession begins to hit, people hurt, need and demand for all of our services grows overnight– our staff and volunteers rise to the challenge.

CEO Julie Hogg speaking at our Holyrood reception



relationship breakdown, self harming, homelessness, problems accessing many overwhelmed limited support services. Everyday life was already challenging for all our client groups when we started in 1998, but is proving



1998-2008

10 years history of making a real difference to the lives of over 4000 adults, children, and young people across Scotland with learning and additional support needs and mental health issues in Dundee, Edinburgh, East Lothian, East Renfrewshire, Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Midlothian. New services for children with mental health issues plus a groundbreaking first advocacy service for adults with physical disabilities in Edinburgh join our other well used

2010 onwards

JULIE HOGG CEO
 We proudly deliver 16 different services, work in 6 Local Authorities, have 23 dynamic and committed staff supporting 3 different client groups. Our pioneering service in Edinburgh for people who have suffered Strokes is launched – no need for promotion, referrals flood in. We are supporting the highest numbers of people ever as the real impact of this recession bites and vulnerable people struggle with debt, addiction, stress and

even more so in the current economic climate. We actively support individual clients to come together in groups to consult with service providers, helping them to ensure limited resources are best used. We research advocacy needs of the BME community. We are now strengthening our communication with others, upgrading our website to "cool" grade to further attract young people, re-visiting our technology and key services to ensure we are making best use of our resources. Fundraising, as always, is ongoing as we grow from strength to strength.

- Have their rights upheld
- Enjoy a fulfilling quality of life

Statement of Financial Activities

Including Income and Expenditure Account
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2009

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2009	Total 2008
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations	4,478	-	4,478	4,740
Investment income	6,392	-	6,392	2,345
	10,870	-	10,870	7,085
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
	36,759	478,832	515,591	439,845
Other incoming resources				
	2,670	-	2,670	5,950
Total incoming resources				
	50,299	478,832	529,131	452,880
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating donations	-	-	-	3,172
	50,299	478,832	529,131	449,708
NET INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE				
	50,299	478,832	529,131	449,708
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	-	493,265	493,265	430,416
Governance costs				
	-	18,663	18,663	12,497
Total resources expended				
	-	511,928	511,928	446,085
Net income/(expenditure) for the year				
	50,299	(33,096)	17,203	6,795
Fund balances at 1 April 2008				
	76,085	33,096	109,181	102,386
Fund balances at 31 March 2009				
	126,384	-	126,384	109,181

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.

A huge thank you to Edinburgh, Midlothian, East Lothian, Dundee, East Renfrewshire Councils and Glasgow and Clyde Health Board. To BIG, Lloyds TSB, Comic Relief, Children in Need and all of our other funders. Thank you, without you our independent advocacy support would not be possible.

thank you!