

## VOLUNTEER

How would you feel if your life seemed to be organized around you by others and you weren't able to have a say? Sadly, for some people with learning disabilities, that's exactly what they experience. Citizen Advocates can change that by ensuring the people they support can get their points across.



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WEBCAS ADVOCACY

## INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Providing an independent voice for adults with a learning disability so that their wishes can be heard and their rights protected*



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## ABOUT WEBCAS

West Berkshire Citizen Advocacy Service, known as WEBCAS, is a charity with offices in Wokingham and Newbury. It promotes independent advocacy services for adults with learning disabilities and multiple disabilities within West Berkshire, Reading Borough and Wokingham District.

Citizen advocates will:

- Develop a relationship with their partner
- Speak up when their partner is unable to speak up for themselves
- Support the rights & choice of the individual
- Provide practical help
- Attend meetings

## VOLUNTEERING WITH WEBCAS

WEBCAS is looking to meet prospective volunteers who could act as citizen advocates and join their growing team. People of all ages and backgrounds who have a little time to spare would be very welcome.

Perhaps you have a hobby or an interest you could share with someone. The time you give is not prescriptive and it is a very rewarding role.



Mandy Crombie  
Volunteer Advocate

*"No matter what the challenge, it is a great feeling to see that person getting on with everyday life, with the secure knowledge there is always someone there for them who isn't being paid to be there."*



## SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

WEBCAS and its facilities are available to support both advocate and partner as needed. The prime responsibility of each advocate will always be to their partner.

WEBCAS will provide you with the right training and will introduce you to a suitable partner. Your partner will usually be someone who lives near you. As your relationship develops, you will become increasingly aware of their needs and wishes. You will attend annual review meetings and be part of your partner's person centered plan. This will help you to express your partner's views as necessary and enable them to live the kind of life they would like and value, with their rights respected.

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