

National Advocacy Conference 2017: Be A Force for Change



**Conference for
Independent Advocates
and those who work
alongside Advocates**

Oct 19th
Bham NEC

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Why attend?

- **Hear from 5 key note speeches delivered by internationally respected leaders**
- **Be stretched by a choice of 16 topical and diverse workshops**
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Key Note speakers:



David Schneider: Top Tips For Cutting Through On Social Media

David Schneider is a writer, director and social media powerhouse with 377,000 followers/likes and counting (not that he's counting). His award-winning credits span social, TV, film and advertising. He gives workshops on social media to businesses, agencies and brands as well as keynote speeches in both the academic and corporate sectors. His film *The Death Of Stalin*, co-written with Armando Iannucci, is out later this year.

Alex Ruck Keene: Advocacy as the support for legal capacity

Advocates are well experienced in understanding the concept of mental capacity and ensuring that decision makers follow requirements laid out within Mental Capacity Act when assessing mental capacity. However there can be an important distinction between mental capacity & legal capacity, and advocates need to know how to assist individuals with disabilities to exercise their legal capacity to take an equal part in decisions affecting them, for instance under the Care Act. During this key note address Alex will explore the difference between the two concepts and how advocacy can play a key role in supporting legal capacity.



Karen Newbigging, June Sadd: Going Beyond the Law: Advocacy and Rights

Karen and June have been committed to the development of advocacy in England for more than two decades. Most recently, they were involved in evaluating the quality of IMHA, developing resources and assessing the quality of commissioning Care Act advocacy. They have provided advice to the Department of Health, the Social Care Institute for Excellence as well as local advocacy services and commissioners. In their keynote, Karen and June will draw on their combined experience to reflect on the development of advocacy for protecting and promoting rights and its future prospects.



Sanchita Hosali: (BIHR) What will human rights look like post Brexit?

As the UK embarks on Brexit questions are being raised about human rights and what the future holds for our legal protections. Sanchita will explore current debates about human rights, focusing on our Human Rights Act and why these matter. Drawing not simply on the law and politics, Sanchita will also flag the implications for people in their everyday life and what this means for advocacy.



Mark Neary is the father of Steven, a 27 year old man with autism and severe learning disabilities. In 2010, Steven went away for three days respite as Mark had flu and it took 358 days for Steven to be allowed to return home. As the LA's plan was to move Steven permanently to a hospital in Wales, it took the intervention of the High Court to enable Steven to return to his normal life. This story is a tale of one families fight to stay together and how the Human Rights Act and the Mental Capacity Act were the legal tools that facilitated this.

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Confirmed Workshops:

Group A Options

- Advocacy and available options (how to navigate what a person wants when the Local Authority are needs led) *led by Alex Ruck Keene*
- Truth & reconciliation: a grassroots effort to begin to heal psychiatric hurt *led by Mick McKeown*
- Advanced Care Planning, addressing health inequalities through community based approaches *led by Compassion in dying*
- You can't manage what you don't measure: case monitoring for service improvement *led by [Advocacy Data and Intelligence](#)*
- MHA / MCA – The challenging and developing role of the advocate in a world that judges are changing *led by [Peter Edwards Law](#)*
- Self advocacy as a positive challenge – the impact of relating to people with a learning disability as more than just users of services *led by [Community Catalysts](#)*
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – how are we doing in 2017 *led by CRAE*

Group B Options

- IMCAs and the role of the 3a visitor *led by Cherie Reid*
- IMCA and Care Act Advocacy: overlap between the two roles
- Accessing Public Services *led by [Cerebra](#)*
- Co-production within advocacy *led by [SCIE](#)*
- Best practice within commissioning (commissioners invitation only)
- Continuing Health Care Status and Care Plan Rights – pros and cons for people with impairments *led by [Belinda Schwehr](#)*
- How human rights can be a vital tool in empowering people to be heard and secure better outcomes *led by British Institute of Human Rights*

Delegates choose one workshop from Group A and one workshop from Group B

**Why not take advantage of the 3 for 2 offer and bring your colleagues?
Participate in multiple tasty workshops so your organisation benefits
from the range of insights and best practice on offer.**