

ADVOCACY FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN GREENWICH

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE

Although no specific experience or educational/professional qualifications are required, we are looking for people who:

- are patient and able to listen to others' points of view
- will encourage the older person to speak up for themselves as far as possible
- are able and willing to represent the older person's views without prejudice
- understand the importance of getting the older person's consent for any action being taken on their behalf
- understand the need for confidentiality
- are reliable, trustworthy and honest
- have time to undertake tasks on behalf of an older person
- are able to deal with complicated situations
- are willing to learn, give and receive feedback
- are able to respect each older person as an individual, whatever illness or disability they may have
- appreciate the value of equal opportunities