ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

VOCAL INDEPENDENT ADVOCAC



We cannot change the past but we can learn from it



How does independent advocacy learn from the past?

- What has history to tell us, what's the culture about people with learning disabilities speaking up for what they need?
- How are individuals who fight their corner viewed and what are their fears about how they are viewed?
- What do families tell us about he who pays the piper......?



We know resources are limited but.....

- What happens if we're all compliant?
- Who are the most vulnerable when they can't or don't speak up? Real danger that resources are prioritised elsewhere.
- An independent advocate can say things that may be more

"The best gift you could have given her was a lifetime of adventures"

Mad Hatter

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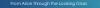


Independent advocacy and a "lifetime of adventures"

- Independence means that there can't be any agenda other than what the individual wants to achieve that's what they are paying the advocate to help them fight for.



Looking Glass Riddles





Independent Advocacy means it can all be understood.

- - a person who family or carers find challenging.
 a person who does not speak or understand spoken language.
 a person whose communication is unique.



The Only Thing Worth Doing is What We Do For Others

LewisCarroll

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OLEMa caterpillar turned butterfly and friend to Alice who leads through the Looking Glass & informs that there are matter which require her attention



"There are matters which would benefit from [VOCAL's] attention....HURRY!" (from Absolem in Alice Through the Looking Glass)



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100	to live more independently from his mum & dad	
1	to employ someone to assist him in his new home	
w	to find someone to share his love of country music, country dat festivals	nces &

- to find a girlfriend
- 😿 to pass his theory test & get his own car





Ronnie helps Peter to understand what it means to have his own home & the right amount of help

Ronnie encourages Peter to say what he thinks & tell people what he wants to happen in his life

Gina uses her experience to assist Peter & his family to get the money they need to employ his own personal assistant

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Gina helps Robert to let people know..... - the type of person he wants to work with him - what things he wants to achieve in his life

