



Courses in non-instructed advocacy and the watching brief

How do we advocate for someone unable to express their wishes in a way we can understand?

Asist argues that **quality advocacy is a right for every citizen**, even where there is little or no communication and, in 1995, developed a policy for advocates working in non-instructed situations.

The '**Watching Brief**' has since become a landmark approach to non-instructed advocacy. Continually updated, it now offers a holistic methodology incorporating the four major techniques currently used by advocates and advocacy services.

Asist is delighted to offer a **one day course**, designed and delivered by practising advocates, to explore the ethics, values, challenges and skills for **non instructed advocacy**.

Courses run from **09:30 to 16:00** and the next dates are:

Wednesday 29th February 2012, Birmingham

Monday 5th March 2012, Manchester

Wednesday 14th March 2012, London

Third Sector, £75 for discounted bookings*, £85 standard price

Other organisations, £95 for discounted booking*, £105 standard price

Cost includes course material, refreshments and lunch

Costs cover course expenses with any surplus dedicated to the provision of advocacy services

*For details of discounted bookings contact the Training Coordinator

The course will cover:

- issues that arise when your advocacy partner does not use a form of communication you can understand
- discussion around the issues that arise when communication between the advocate and their partner becomes more difficult
- understanding the potential for alternative methods of communication
- practical steps to support your partner, even when you are unable to take direct instruction
- discussion around the four major techniques used in non-instructed advocacy and the 'Watching Brief'

The training will be useful for advocates:

- and advocacy managers who would like to offer advocacy to people who use alternative methods of communication
- working with people who experience significant barriers to communication
- working with people who are unable to directly instruct their advocate

The training could also be of interest to Health and social care practitioners.

Asist trainers have **extensive experience** of working within the advocacy sector, are practicing advocates, and have experience of delivering bespoke training across a wide range of sectors.

Our **comprehensive training materials** are developed in-house and can be adapted to meet specific requirements or client groups. Asist is a **leader in the field of advocacy provision** and, as a progressive organisation, is pleased to be able to offer this course.

To book a place, please fill in the attached booking form or contact our Training Project Coordinator by:

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