



We believe Independent Advocacy is one of the best things in the world.

We also believe it is important to celebrate the difference advocacy makes and shout about outstanding practice, people and organisations.

The 2019 National Awards in Advocacy recognise excellence and congratulate exceptional contributions to the field of advocacy. They are open to anyone involved in advocacy – self advocates, peer advocates, professional or statutory advocacy and even people who just support advocacy.

This is your opportunity to get involved. If you have used brilliant independent advocacy services, worked alongside a great advocate or have volunteered or work for an amazing advocacy service lets shout this from the rooftops.

Nominations are open for:

- Outstanding advocate (*sponsored by Peter Edwards Law*)
- Outstanding service
- Best co-production
- Outstanding contribution to equality and diversity (*sponsored by Irwin Mitchell*)
- Best supporter of advocacy
- Stand out Children's Advocacy Award (*sponsored by The Hadley Trust*)

We also delighted to announce a new category of The Stand Out Children's Advocacy Award. This will be awarded to an individual or service who goes to extraordinary lengths or shows exceptional commitment to improving the lives of children and young people through independent advocacy. We were thrilled to present the inaugural award last year to children's rights champion John Kemmis, who very sadly passed away in December 2018.

**The best 4 entries within each category will be shortlisted
with the winners announced at the Award Ceremony
30th October 2019 in Birmingham.**

More about The Stand Out Children's Advocacy Award

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This could be:

- a children's rights officer or advocate who directly supports children or young people OR
- a manager who oversees the delivery of a children's service OR
- a young person's peer advocate or self advocate

Twelve members of Sheffield Children in Care Council helped design the award. They said the honour should be awarded to recognise "someone who understands children and young people, someone who is a good listener, that gets the things done that the young person wants to get done. The advocate should make a stand out, significant and massive improvement to the life of the young person".

Children and adults will be equal members of the judging panel.

Article 39, Become and The Care Leavers' Association have teamed up with the National Advocacy Awards to make sure brilliant advocates are honoured each and every year.

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