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## **Welsh Assembly Government Advocacy Grant Scheme 2008–2011**

The Welsh Assembly Government has made available a further grants programme to support the development of advocacy in Wales. The programme will run from October 2008 until March 2011.

Advocacy offers support for people who are seeking resolutions to any issues that are of concern to them, by ensuring that their voice is heard, that they understand their civil and human rights and they gain the confidence and learn the skills that will enable them to speak up for themselves.

After the completion of the initial grants round in August there are now two more grant rounds open.

### **Grant Round One**

Small grants up to £5,000 are available for the following purposes:

1. **Training** of staff, volunteers (including management committees) or service users.
2. **Independent evaluation** of your organisations
3. **Equipment** where the application shows the clear benefit to the project/group that any addition equipment would provide

There will be no application forms for this round and organisations are asked to submit a written proposal of no more than one page of A4 together with an estimate of the cost from the training provider /independent evaluator, or for a proposed item of equipment. Training could be attendance at one off training events or groups working together to purchase a trainer "in house".

### **Grant Round two**

A separate grant round will also operate for revenue costs for April 2009 to March 2011. You can apply for one year only which will cover April 2009 to March 2010 or April 2010 to March 2011 or you can apply for a grant for a project that covers both years.

We are keen to receive applications from those who provide advocacy for people with a learning disability from Black and minority ethnic communities; people who have complex needs; people on the autistic spectrum (including Asperger Syndrome), as these groups of people are under represented in current advocacy provision.

Application forms and further information about the criteria for grant applicants are available from the British Institute of Learning Disabilities Website ([www.bild.org.uk](http://www.bild.org.uk)) or by telephone to Jennie Jevons on 01562 723010 or E-mail: [j.jevons@bild.org.uk](mailto:j.jevons@bild.org.uk)

If you require any further information on either of these grants programmes, please contact Janet Badger on [janet@advocacyworld.co.uk](mailto:janet@advocacyworld.co.uk) or Anna Deverill-Smith on [adeverillsmith@talktalk.net](mailto:adeverillsmith@talktalk.net)

### **Closing date for both schemes in 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

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