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S.A.M. has a committee made up of our trustees the group are called the "Crew". These members are responsible for the running of our service and make important decisions about our charity.



...making a real difference to someone's life.

*S.A.M. empowers the lives of people with learning disabilities who are living in Swindon.*

*S.A.M. makes people feel wanted and included in the community.*



*S.A.M. speaks up for people's rights to gain access to services and help they need.*

*S.A.M. enables people to gain skills and confidence so that they can lead the lives that they want.*



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**Swindon Advocacy Movement  
provides a free independent accessible  
advocacy service to empower people with  
learning disabilities in Swindon.**

**What is Advocacy?**

- Advocacy empowers people to speak out.
- If a person has a learning disability an advocate will work in partnership to secure their rights.
- We will represent their views and interests if they are unable to.
- We will obtain services that are needed.



**How we work**

We will work in partnership with individuals in all areas of their lives which may include benefits, housing, health, education, employment, personalisation, keeping safe, hate crime, transitions and parents work.

S.A.M. offers a specialist service supporting parents with a learning disability through Child Protection and court proceedings.

"What's Next?" is our specialist advocacy transition service for young people between the ages of 14-18.

"Let's Sort Swindon" is our speaking up group run by adults with learning disabilities. We give our views at Health and Social Care meetings where decisions about services are made.

**What our clients think about having  
an advocate.**

"They speak up when you don't want to speak".



"Help you get the information you need".

"Help you understand what is going on in meetings and in reports".



"Help you get what you want not what other people think you should have."

"They listen to you and help you get things done".



"Help you find things to do during the day and evenings".

"Give me choices and time to think about what I really want".



"They can say things that I find difficult to explain to other people".

"Help me to write letters and fill out forms".

