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GOOD NEWS!

Independent Professional Advocacy - National Standards and Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People in Wales has landed!

The Welsh Government wants to make sure all children and young people get the advocacy help and support they need, when they need it.

If you have experienced care, you are leaving care or you have support from a social worker, you are entitled to access advocacy services. An advocate can help to make sure that you know your rights and have a voice in the decisions that affect your life. If you want something to stop, change or start, advocacy may be able to help.

To make sure good quality advocacy happens, the Welsh Government developed a framework of steps, standards and outcomes called the National Standards. They make both advocacy services and local authorities accountable for the quality of advocacy services you can access.

There are 5 sets of standards and outcomes that come under the headings below.

1. **Good quality advocacy is easy to find and easy to use.**
2. **Children and young people are kept safe and have their privacy respected.**
3. **Children and young people are treated with respect and valued for their differences.**
4. **Children and young people get support and have their opinions listened to.**
5. **Children and young people can take part in the design, planning and rating of advocacy services.**

If you would like further information about the new Framework, your rights or how you can get an advocate to support you, then get in contact with Natalie or Lianne.

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Change by Design

University of South Glamorgan

First year Graphic Design Students at the University of South Glamorgan worked with TGP Cymru on their 'Change by Design' project. Their brief was to use graphics and media as a way of helping people understand advocacy. Students met with young people who have had an advocate, to learn about advocacy – what it is and how it can help. They then produced a range of exciting tools and examples of marketing materials that could be used to get the message about advocacy out to young people as well as the wider population. These included mobile apps, Snapchat filters, characters, storybooks and fund raising packs.

Emma Marshman, Academic Manager - Graphic Communication, Advertising, Illustration and TV & Set Design invited Natalie and Lisanne to view the students' presentations at the Atrium in Cardiff. The presentations and students' work was exceptional and has helped us explore how we can improve our use of media.

The students' work will be exhibited as part of TGP Cymru's forthcoming event at the Senedd in February 2020, which will also premier and launch a film made by young people about advocacy and the National Approach to Advocacy. Look out for more information about this event closer to the time.



PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION DAY

Techniquet

TGP Cymru held a Participation and Consultation Day at Techniquet in Cardiff on 13th August 2019. We were joined by young people from all over Wales and had such a great day!

We consulted on ideas and worked on a film about advocacy for young people, which will be ready to launch at TGP Cymru's event, 'Innovation of Children's Advocacy in Wales', to be held at the Senedd on 4 February 2020.

We also started planning an advocacy information app with the help of an app designer. We then used Techniquet's digital trail app Look Closer, to discover and explore Techniquet!

Thank you to all the young people who took part!

