



News from BILD

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Recognition of BILD's success in supporting advocacy across Wales

BILD manages the advocacy services grant programme for the Welsh Government; the current grant scheme, which gives grant money to nineteen advocacy groups in Wales was due to cease at the end of 2011. However, BILD is delighted to learn that the scheme - and BILD's contract to manage it - is to be extended until March 2014.

"Advocacy supports people to speak up about their experiences and their ambitions, and gives them a chance of being heard. So we're delighted to be continuing our service to support advocacy organisations across Wales" said Keith Smith, BILD's Chief Executive, "that advocacy organisations in Wales still receive grant support of this kind is testament to the Welsh Government's commitment to supporting advocacy."

An evaluation by Action for Advocacy showed that the scheme has been effective and the grant programme has had a good effect on the lives of lots of people with learning disabilities in Wales.

If you would like any more information about the Welsh Advocacy Grants scheme, look on the BILD website at: <http://easysite.bild.org.uk/welshadvocacy/> or contact Gail Pardoe on 01562 723010 or email g.pardoe@bild.org.uk

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Notes for Editor

BILD, The British Institute of Learning Disabilities, is based in Kidderminster where it was founded in 1971. BILD's vision is a society where people with learning disabilities are equal citizens and have access to the support and services they need. We work to make this happen

in partnership with people with a learning disability and family carers. They are the real 'experts', knowing what support is needed, and what needs to change to improve the quality of their lives.

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