



Collective Advocacy and User Involvement Project

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Organisational Principles

We recognise the strengths and resourcefulness of all our members, staff and people we work in partnership with.

We recognise the role of communities, other organisations and community involvement in supporting the process of Recovery and maintaining Well-being.

We recognise the effects that stigma, discrimination and inequality can have on individuals. We work inclusively within the organisation and challenge exclusion outside of it.

We value people as experts in their own mental health.

We value and promote diversity and equality.

We value working collaboratively with individuals, and groups, to agree goals, actions and solutions.

We value being open and honest about our boundaries and our limitations.

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What we do...

Our role is to facilitate and develop mental health service user involvement in all aspects of care provision within Angus.

Augment undertakes this by remaining mental health service user-led and has a variety of projects, for example, our Collective Advocacy Project, Young Persons Involvement Project, Information Project, Trainer Group, Self-help Groups and an Employability and Social Initiative which incorporates a community resource (Angus Community Enterprise). Augment provides training for a variety of different topics, for example, WRAP Training, Employability Skills, Self esteem, Independent Living Skills, all of which are open to our members of all ages and the community. Augment is also involved in a pilot project with the Scottish Government to employ Peer Support Specialists and have developed a Peer Outreach Project.



Strength in numbers

For any information regarding any of our other projects, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01241 434405.

What is Collective Advocacy ?

Advocacy means speaking up for your rights.

Advocacy is a way of making sure that important messages are heard.

Advocacy can be done in different ways and by different people.

Everyone in society should be able to speak up for their rights.

Our Collective Advocacy Project aims to:

- Increase the involvement of people with experience of mental health issues and dual diagnosis, throughout Angus, in the design and delivery of mental health services, locally, regionally and nationally, by developing and participation in a collective advocacy project.
- Facilitate the social inclusion of individuals with experience of mental health issues and dual diagnosis into community activities, supported employment, further education and volunteering.
- Develop youth user-led initiatives throughout the Angus area.



Service User

Representatives :

A Service User Representative is a committee member who voices the combined service user perspective and takes part in the decision making process on behalf of service users.

The role of a service user rep is to provide a service user perspective. The role of a service user perspective involves:

- Protecting the interests of service users.
- Presenting how service users may feel about certain issues.
- Acting as a watchdog on issues affecting service users.
- Contributing the varied service user experience.
- Ensuring the committee recognises service user concerns.
- Reporting the activities of the committee to service users.
- Providing information about any relevant issues affecting service users.