

To U3a

7th April 2025

Dear U3a Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to let you know that we are currently seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our Board of Trustees. We believe that your members may have the qualities and commitment we are looking for.

The role of Trustee is pivotal in guiding our organisation's mission and ensuring we continue to make a positive impact. Trustees are responsible for overseeing strategic decisions, ensuring financial stability, and promoting our cause within the community.

As you may be aware, the Dumfries and Galloway Advocacy Service is a crucial service that supports many of our most vulnerable citizens in having a voice, expressing their wishes and values, often when key decisions are being made about their lives. Our advocates aim to support people in understanding and navigating often complex processes, empowering them to participate more effectively.

Our service supports individuals aged 18 and over who are dealing with issues related to the Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, which includes mental illness, autism, and learning disabilities, and we have recently received funding to assist individuals suffering from depression and anxiety. We also support people through Adult Support & Protection, Self-Directed Support, unpaid Carers and young people aged 18–25 with general issues.

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with your members and encourage anyone interested to contact us for further information. Their involvement could make a substantial difference and help us to continue our valuable work.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to hearing from any interested members and welcoming new Trustees who share our vision and dedication.

Yours sincerely,

Pamela Deans

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Chief Executive