Support Workers

Key Issues for Self Advocacy Support Workers

1	 Power and Control Have you experienced power imbalances as a self advocacy supporter? How can you make sure control is always with the self advocates? What actions can you put in place to ensure self advocates decisions are their own?
2	 Conflict of Interest Have you ever experienced a conflict of interest between a funding or employer body and a self advocacy group? How was this resolved? How do you make the group aware of any conflicts of interest you may have?
3	 Accountability and Professionalism Does your group have the chance to comment on how you are doing your job and if there are things they would like to be done differently? How do you make members feel comfortable asking you what you are up to? How does professionalism fit with the role of an advisor?
4	 Building a connection; Trust, Respect and a friendly working relationship How is trust built between a self advocacy worker and the group? What is the role of friendship between a self advocacy worker and members of a self advocacy group?
5	 Doing with instead of for - empowering advocates to do it for themselves How can you encourage members to do more themselves and not depend on you?