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Who am I?

My name is Sarah Cookson. I have been living in my flat for 11 years bought through Advance Housing's Shared Ownership scheme. I have represented Advance over many years as an Ambassador at conferences across the country including The House of Lords and the Conservative Party Conference in 2012 where David Cameron asked to meet me as he wanted to hear my story about living independently and how it has made me feel so confident and I have achieved lots of things and I feel a very happy young lady because of all of that.

Why I want to be on the Representative Body:

I like taking part in meetings and changing things for people with Learning Disabilities for the better. I am told that I inspire people with Learning Disabilities and their families to make them realise that people with Learning disabilities can do the same as anybody else with the right housing and support. I want to represent good housing and support on behalf of Advance as



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their Ambassador and I can do this through LDE as they know how to pass this message on and get things done!

Why I would do a good job?

I am used to speaking at conferences where I pass the message on that it is possible to live a full independent life also therefore be able to join in with the local community which is so important. I want to represent Advance customers and with the help of Advance I would find out what is important to them and make sure politicians know what Advance customers thought.

Why should people vote for me?

People at LDE and other organisations all know me and have heard me speak on behalf of Advance all over the country. I also make people laugh and get on with all sorts of people that I meet!

*Sarah is standing for election to represent her organization Advance.*



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