

Role Title	Advocacy Champion
Overview of role	As an Advocacy Champion you will be a voice for cancer patients and survivors all over Ireland. Advocacy Champions work closely with our Advocacy Team to ensure that the needs of cancer patients and survivors and their families and caregivers are heard at all levels of Government.
Tasks involved in role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing to politicians and government departments • Meeting with or calling your local politician • Keeping the Advocacy team informed of your activities and responses you receive • Promoting our campaigns on your social media to your friends, family and colleagues • Participating in advocacy events (1 – 2 per year) • Sharing your campaigning experiences with fellow Advocacy Champions
Skills and Experience Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about ensuring that the voices of cancer patients, survivors, families and caregivers are heard at all levels of Government • Understand the experience of cancer patients, survivors or caregivers • Comfortable using email and social media • Good communication and interpersonal skills • Enthusiastic and committed to working on medium to long-term campaigns
Time Commitment Needed	<p>Advocacy Champions are asked to devote 3-5 hours per month to campaigning work, as well as to attend 1 or 2 advocacy events or training days per year.</p> <p>You can do your advocacy work in your own time and at your own pace, so it helps to be organised and self-motivated.</p>
Location of Role	This role is remotely based. We are recruiting champions in all constituencies across Ireland. Advocacy Champions will be invited to attend events once or twice a year.
Supervision	Advocacy Champions will receive training and ongoing support and supervision from the Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator through phone and email.
Training	All volunteers will receive training on the Irish Cancer Society, our advocacy work and your role as an Advocacy Champion. Those who need additional support in using online tools or platforms for training will be supported.
Expenses	As this role is remotely based, expenses will not be provided. However, in circumstances where volunteers are asked to travel to attend events or training on behalf of the Society, expenses may be provided where agreed in advance with the Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator.
Benefits	As an Advocacy Champion you would be a voice for cancer patients and survivors all over Ireland. This is an opportunity to support positive change for cancer patients in Ireland and to gain skills in communication, lobbying and networking.
Physical requirements	There are no physical requirements for this role.
No Smoking Policy	The Irish Cancer Society operates a no-smoking policy and the volunteer must not smoke in the office or when on Society business outside the office.
How to apply	Visit (LINK) cancer.ie to submit an expression of interest. Recruitment will be phased based on constituency. If we are recruiting in your area, you will be invited to complete an application form. Garda Vetting is not required for this role. Applicants will be asked to submitted 2 references.