

## **Bolton Information and Advisory Service SEND Social value**

We share the vision that Bolton should be a vibrant place, built on strong cohesive communities, that is welcoming to all and we are fully invested in the vision for Bolton, and feel we can play our own part to help this vision be realised.

Bolton IAS pledges to fulfil these main principles within their IAS work;

- Help support local people into sustainable employment through offering placements and work experience. We commit to paying our staff the national living wage or above, and provide volunteer opportunities where possible.
- Support community participation amongst the SEND population, actively engaging with parents, carers, children and young people, and encouraging their engagement through participation.
- Continue to hold children and young people with SEND, firmly at the heart of everything we do- ensuring we provide a service that reflects local need.
- Ensure we are there to support children who are looked after, and make their carers aware of IAS, so that we may offer support to them too.
- Continue to roll out our training offer to upskill and build confidence in parents and carers, and provide advocacy for children and young people with SEND, to ensure all their voices are heard, and enable them to take control of their own situations, as empowered individuals.
- Help support those who are living in poverty/ at risk of losing their financial means by providing advice and signposting to those that can help. We will continue to support those families whose children are not attending school, to get them back into education, allowing families to get back to work/ sustain their employment

In addition to these principles, IAS as a service can;

- Be a responsible recycler
- Use Bolton services wherever possible for consumables, training and business needs
- Employ local people, keeping the Bolton pound in Bolton
- Remain community based- sitting within the CVS building in our town centre
- Continue to work with, support, and signpost to, other community organisations and charities for children with SEND in Bolton

We hope, that by doing the things we have outlined here, IAS will form part of the wider Bolton picture, delivering the best for Bolton people. We are proud to be part of the Bolton Family.