



# An Interactive Guide to Building Lay Advocacy Groups

## *Assessing Your Needs*

### u VOLUNTEERS

You may wish to use a separate sheet for each volunteer type you check.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Members of your group</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Interns</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Affected individuals and family members</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Retirees</b>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Students</b>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Others</b> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Local professionals and consultants</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Others</b> _____ |

Have you actively recruited them?  Yes  No

Are the roles of current volunteers clearly defined?  Yes  No

What skills do they have and how can you capitalize on them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do they have specific limitations as a result of being affected or of caring for someone who is?  
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Can they offer help consistently over time? Or are they best available on a per-project basis?  
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What difficulties do you have retaining them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have volunteers you would be better off without?  Yes  No