# NGIN Advocate Summary

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The Next Generation Insurance Network (“NGIN”) Advocate role provides a flexible platform for NGIN members to get involved as, when, and as much as they want with the work of the NGIN committee.

The role allows for members to get more involved with NGIN on a flexible basis so that capacity to take on a full committee position or enough knowledge of the organisation are not a barrier to helping out.

NGIN Advocates help the committee and the running of NGIN in a number of ways, and being an Advocate serves as the foundation to becoming a committee member.

1. Roles and responsibilities of an NGIN Advocate

The NGIN Advocate role is unique in that you are given the opportunity and support to help run events, programmes and campaigns without any minimum time commitment. We simply ask that you help the network as and when you have the capacity to do so.

Examples of how you might be able to help the network include:

* attending committee meetings to voice your opinion (advocates are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly committee meetings); and
* assisting the events team to set up and run one of our events; and
* utilising your network to spread the NGIN brand and introduce the network to key industry players; and
* assisting the brand team to run the website site, publish the monthly newsletter and manage our presence on social media; and
* assisting the development team on high level NGIN projects (such as our involvement with the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (“IICF”), working with our international affiliates and developing our relationships with major insurers, underwriters, service providers, etc.); and
* asking your company to become one of our sponsors; and
* ensuring your company’s young professionals, key players and HR department are aware of NGIN; and
* writing a blog for our website (which will be featured in our newsletter and posted on our social media); and
* having your profile featured on our Instagram page.
1. Benefits of being an NGIN Advocate

By becoming an NGIN Advocate you have a platform to make use of the available opportunities that NGIN provides.

It is very much up to you as to how involved you get with NGIN and subsequently how much you get out of it.

Benefits of becoming an NGIN Advocate include:

* growing your personal network; and
* early access to and knowledge of upcoming market events; and
* building your personal brand (we encourage advocates to put “NGIN Advocate” within the company section of their LinkedIn page and to incorporate it into their CV); and
* exposure to c-suite executives and directors from an early stage of your career; and
* experience in managing a team, maintaining relationships with key market players and organising events; and
* first access to apply for open committee positions which are assigned at the June AGM; and
* opportunities to practice public speaking and presenting; and
* an upgrade to NGIN Ambassador after six years of being an active NGIN Advocate (a position usually reserved for senior staff and executives); and
* a platform to have your voice heard; and
* the opportunity to make a tangible impact on the market.
1. How to become and NGIN Advocate

In order to become an NGIN Advocate you must either drop us an email on info@nginlondon.com or let a current committee member or advocate know.

You will then be asked to meet the following three criteria (in no particular order):

1. Attend at least one NGIN event
2. Attend an NGIN Advocate interview with an NGIN committee member
3. Attend at least one NGIN committee meeting

Once you have completed all three criteria you will be added to the NGIN Advocate pool mailing list and invited to all NGIN monthly committee meetings and events going forwards.

1. When do I stop being an NGIN Advocate

There is no minimum time commitment to becoming an NGIN Advocate. This is so that the role works around your schedule and lifestyle whilst allowing you help the organisation as and when you can.

There are however four situations where you will cease to be an NGIN Advocate.

1. **NGIN Ambassador** - Should you complete six years of being an active NGIN Advocate or four years of being a committee member (whichever comes first) and had it signed off by the sitting NGIN Chair you will become an NGIN Ambassador.
2. **Request to leave** – Should you ask to stop being an NGIN Advocate then you will be removed from the mailing list and no longer be considered an NGIN Advocate. In this situation we ask that you update your “NGIN Advocate” title on LinkedIn and your CV to reflect the day you ceased to be an advocate.
3. **Annual confirmation** – Once a year, just before the AGM in June, an NGIN committee member will ask you to confirm that you still wish to be an NGIN Advocate. This is the only email in the year that you **must** reply to in order to stay an Advocate. Should you not reply by the AGM you will be taken off of the NGIN Advocate pool mailing list and no longer be considered an NGIN Advocate. As above we then request that you update your LinkedIn account and CV to reflect the end of your time with our organisation.
4. **At request of the NGIN committee** – Should the NGIN committee have reason to believe you are no longer fit to represent the organisation as an NGIN Advocate (for example on ethical or criminal grounds) then they reserve the right to remove you from the advocate pool at any time. Should you wish to appeal this decision you can ask to speak with the NGIN Chair who will review your situation and make a final decision. Should you be removed from the advocate pool via this method, as above, we then request that you immediately update your LinkedIn account and CV to reflect the end of your time with our organisation.