

Disability Services, Student Services

Aim

We aim to provide a quality service which ensures the full inclusion of disabled students within the academic and social community, fostering resilience and self-reliance. Operating within a social model of disability, we work with our partners across the institution to remove barriers and promote equality by embedding inclusivity in everyday practice.

Objectives

- To offer personal and academic support and guidance to prospective and current students, identifying appropriate strategies to remove barriers and make studying and everyday tasks more manageable;
- to work with students on developing their emotional resilience and self-reliance, and to help students manage the impact of university on their impairment / health condition. Where necessary, helping students to be realistic in relation to their wellbeing and academic potential, taking into account the university's duty of care;
- to provide advice and guidance to partners to meet individual student needs and to provide appropriate support;
- to liaise with staff so that practice is adjusted to ensure delivery of accessible learning / provision of accessible facilities;
- to organise and deliver staff development and training to promote disability equality and inclusive provision;
- to maintain professional competencies of staff to enable them to meet service provision;
- to provide consultancy to the University on disability-related matters, to contribute to the work of relevant University committees and to inform policy documents.
- To develop our provision in partnership with students and staff through a dialogue that enables us to continuously adapt and improve.