

1604 An accessible campaign

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Union Notes:

1. The Equality Data Annual Report April 2014 found that 10.3% of students declared having a disability at UEA.

2. The report also found that there is an upward trend of the number of students who declare as having a disability are attending UEA.

3. This year NUS LGBT passed policy for increased accessibility for students who are disabled to enable them to attend campaigns and events.

Union Believes:

1. Students with Disabilities form an integral part of the student movement.
2. Students with Disabilities face additional barriers to campaigning attendance in comparison with their non-disabled counterparts. For example, factors including but not limited to:
 - a. Physical accessibility of travel;
 - b. Frequency and duration of access breaks;
 - c. Unexpected changes to event scheduling or location;
3. When considering campaign accessibility, meeting the needs of all students with a disability/disabilities is vital.

Union Resolves:

1. UEA SU to consult members of the Union whom have a disability/disabilities regarding their experiences as students with disabilities, and in particular, how these have affected their participation in UEA SU events, campaigns and the wider student movement, both in their institutions and on a regional and national level.
2. This consultation to consider ways in which we can improve accessibility when organising campaigns ensuring all students have a voice.
3. Responsibility for implementing this consultation to lie with the equal opportunities committee, with support from Student officer committee and other members of staff.
4. The findings of this consultation to be made publicly available and used to inform planning of future UEA SU events and campaigns.