

Pascale Gourlay

Disabled Students' Officer

My name is Pascale Gourlay, I am a 3rd Year Fine Art BA (Hons) Student.

As Student Disability Officer I will ensure a high quality consistent specialist disability service to students with physical and sensory impairments, specific learning difficulties, medical and mental health needs.

92% of disabled students do not use a wheelchair, so I will aim to educate on what being disabled means using the Social Model of Disability in order to engage with all students with visible and invisible disabilities. I will promote disability equality by raising awareness of the entitlements of disabled students through advice on reasonable adjustments and anticipating the needs of disabled students. Further, I will work towards developing exemplary policy and practice in the support of disabled students.

I will play a key role to supporting the academic community (students and staff) in implementing inclusive practice. Being inclusive doesn't mean treating everyone the same it means making sure every student gets the support, reasonable adjustments, information and encouragement they need to engage fully with UAL community both academically and socially.

I will campaign to arrange training events and social events around what it means to be disabled, how disabled students can access mainstream and disability arts, employment and art residencies worldwide.

Success is based on a combination of talent and hard work, but for disabled students, it also requires support, access and knowledge of resources and that's what I'll be promoting in my role here as a Student Disability Officer at UAL.