



**OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Central Executive Committee (CEC)**

25 – 27 October 2018

**REPORTS FROM OU STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GROUPS**

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Reports submitted by:-

Disabled Students Group (DSG)

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### **REPORT FROM THE DISABLED STUDENTS GROUP (DSG)**

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#### **‘Students Supporting Students for 15 Years’.**

#### **What Have We Been Doing Since the Last C E C Meeting?**

##### **Our Committee have:-**

- Our Committee have now been established as bi monthly with Officer’s Meetings In between.
- Our first Interactive Newsletter has been published. Several new members have joined since publication.
- We have advertised for new members of Committee via co-option.
- Several of the Committee Meet Ups which were well attended including one in Prague. They hope to continue holding more events over the next year.
- The Committee have been discussing the rules for introducing Associate Membership and a change to our Guidelines is being discussed.
- We continue to Signpost Students to a variety of help including their S S Ts, D S A, etc via our Open and Closed Social Media Areas and our Website.
- Officers are in the process of completing Understanding Gender Identity: Trans People in the Workplace (Future Learn)
- Our Meetings are hosted in both the Committee Adobe Connect Room and Events Room. Feedback continues to be positive.
- We continue to work with the O U to test various material and equipment and have provided active feedback. Next meeting is January.
- We are working alongside various OU Project Teams to set up various projects. This will be ongoing.
- We are working alongside Cherry and PLEXUS about the OU’s Equality Objective 1 C. This is ongoing.
- We continue to work with the Library on the Sensus Access as well as the Carers Section which is ongoing.
- We continue to co-host Community Meet Ups with various CEC Members. - These events are encompassing and very productive.
- We continue to collaborate with other Association Groups
- Our Microsite is well established and updated regular.
- Committee now have name badges and business cards

## Future Commitments

Committee Meetings will continue in Adobe Connect

Regular Open Adobe Connect Events are being organised with subjects such as 'How are you settling into your New Studies?' ( Feb 19) ; 'Come and join us for Virtual Tea and Cake' (March 19).

Sensus Access trials are continuing.

Chair will attend Inclusion Meeting in January

Several Committee and D S G Members will continue to work alongside L T D in various capacities

A Big Picnic is being planned for May 2019 to Celebrate our 15th Anniversary Year and the O U's 50th.

Operational Guidelines changes are ongoing to take into account Associate Membership. Once agreed and checked then we will advertise Associate Membership to past Disabled Students

We are hoping to have an increased Committee via cooption after January Meeting.

Committee Members will continue to supporting students 24/7 in our various Open & Closed Social Media Platforms.

We will be supporting new students via Freshers Events on Campus and online in February.

Our new Information leaflet is being produced

3 students have applied for co-option to the Committee.

Meet Ups will continue to be hosted by Committee Members

We continue working alongside CEC Members as and when required

We will continue to work with other O U S A Groups and O U Departments supporting each other in whatever way is required



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