

Events Calendar

14 November – 12 December 2024



Disability History Month 2024

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Neurodiversity at Work



Online

An eLearning course that can be taken at learner's own pace covering five topics:

- 1) What is neurodiversity? An in-depth explanation of what neurodiversity actually is;
- 2) What is it like to be neurodivergent? An opportunity to hear real-life testimonials of what it is like to be neurodivergent;
- 3) How we think and speak about neurodiversity? Looking at the current ways in which we talk about neurodiversity, and what is appropriate language in the workplace;
- 4) The value of neurodiversity in the

workplace. With a better understanding of neurodiversity, we can help people who are neurodivergent thrive in the workplace;

- 5) Legislation surrounding this topic and its impacts.

[Register via UoRLearn](#)



Make your own kind of music: being autistic and navigating life

19:00–20:30, Online

Professor Allán Laville, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Reading, will be discussing his own journey of self-discovery and how being autistic has helped him to flourish in the workplace. He will cover his journey from school days to University to the present day and include detail some of the challenges along the way.

To Register



'Picturing our lived experiences' Staff Disability Plus Network and allies

Midday , Online

The Network will be launching a call for submissions for an upcoming photographic exhibition focused on capturing the diverse lived experiences of disabled people, those with chronic illnesses, mental health, neurodivergent individuals, and those supporting them. This exhibition seeks to explore the everyday objects and moments that reflect personal journeys—those that speak to the reality of living with a disability, mental health, chronic illness or supporting others who do. Join the MS Teams call for more information:
[Join the meeting now](#)





Seven years and counting: Celebrating the Staff Disability Plus Network and allies

12:00 –13:00, Online

Join our online party where we reflect on the Network journey to date, successes and the journey ahead.

Register to attend by 19th November as we are planning to send out a little surprise party box to all who join us.

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Accessibility Awareness Basics

Workshop (in Person)

14:00 – 15:30, HBS G03

Digital Accessibility, Assistive Technologies, Current legislations, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, Practical tips for Accessible colour, accessible document structure, Accessible audio and video, Accessible tables, Accessible links and Checking for accessibility. This workshop is suitable for anyone wanting to learn about digital accessibility and creating

accessible digital content. The workshop is in two parts. First part will be to learn about accessibility and how to create accessible content. The second part will be to apply your knowledge. Registration is via [UoRLearn](#)



Universal Voices

16:00 – 17:30, IoE, Building L29

A free community choir for children in school years 3, 4, 5, and 6 at the Institute of Education, Building L29 (London Road Campus). Come and observe our inclusive musicianship teaching led by students at the IoE.

For more information, please email Rebecca Berkley on universalvoices@reading.ac.uk



ACCESS FOR ALL

DISABILITY SUPPORT AND STORIES



12:00 – 17:00,
Reading Students' Union
3sixty and Flex

This dynamic drop-in event is packed with networking, interactive workshops, and engaging exhibitions. Discover local and national disability support organisations, share experiences, and dive into discussions on workplace accommodations and allyship.



ACCESS FOR ALL

BRIDGING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

17:30 – 19:00, Reading Students' Union Flex

Reading SU are happy to welcome a variety of panelists discussing their experience as disabled people and how that affected their transition from student life to the working world. We invite you to join the discussion and attend in person or online.

[To Register](#)

Public

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Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution

17:30 – 19:30,
London Road Campus, L22, G03

Join us for an evening of cinema, connection, and conversation as we explore and reflect on lived experiences about disability on screen.

If you **register** by 27th November, pop corn guaranteed on the night!

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Centre for Autism Wellbeing Hub December Talk

Making an autistic living

19:00 –20:30, Online

Pete Wharmby will be talking about making a living as an autistic person. Pete is an autistic speaker, writer, tutor and parent, who is working to improve autism acceptance in society by sharing insights and experiences of autism to the widest possible audience. He has spoken at many conferences

and events, often as the keynote speaker, on topics such as autism in education, the experience of autistic students and teachers, the importance of monotropism and special interests and much more.

To register





Reading Student's Union are hosting more events throughout DHM.

These include workshops giving people a chance to experience the societal barriers disabled people face, a seminar focusing on making accessible digital content, and more accessible sporting sessions.

To find out more details and dates, check out the [RSU website](#)

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