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16 November – 16 December 2023



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Disability

History Month

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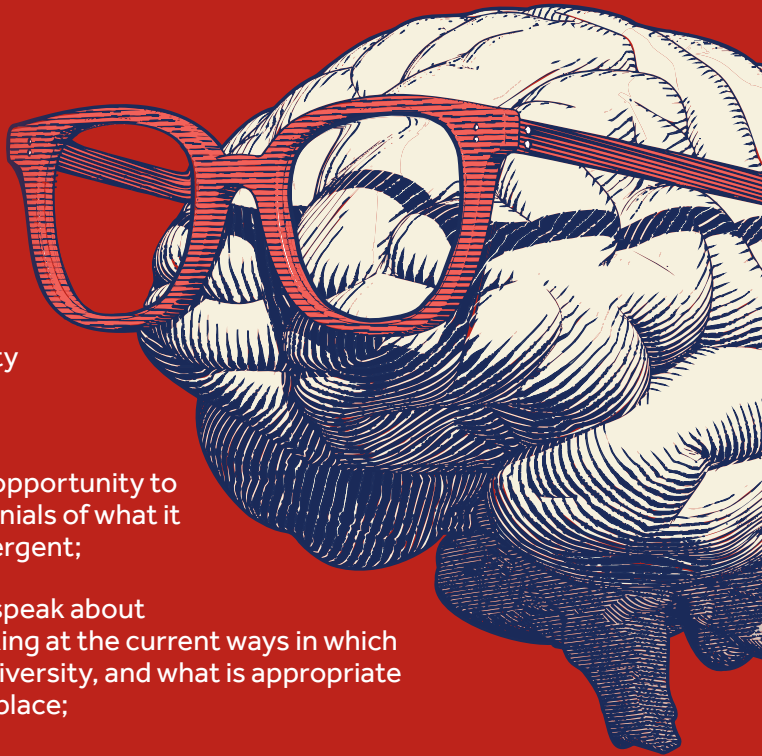
Neurodiversity at Work

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 or please contact People Development for more information at peopledevelopment@reading.ac.uk.





17:30 – 19:30, G01 Lecture Theatre, Building L22,
London Road Campus or join online



**17:40 Martyn Eek Cooper
(clown doctor, stand-up comedian)**

Through music and images Martyn's short show 'Still Breathing' shares how cancer, death and incontinence can impact on your feelings of self-worth and the struggle of remaining gorgeous.

19:00 Lee Ridley, 'Lost Voice Guy'

Lee is the first stand-up comedian to use a communication aid. His show sharply deals with misconceptions about his disability.
Lee will join us online.



The show will include a BSL interpretative performance.

Priority for the free face-to-face tickets will be given to university staff and students.
Register today or please contact the Staff Disability+ Network for more information at StaffDisabilityPlusNetwork@reading.ac.uk.

The link for online access will be shared with participants the day before the event.

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Reading Students' Union

Quiz and Karaoke

**19:00 – 23:00, Mojos,
Reading Students' Union**

Quiz and Karaoke is a regularly scheduled event on the Reading SU calendar. To kick off Disability History Month we will be taking over a round of the quiz to ask some questions about disability.

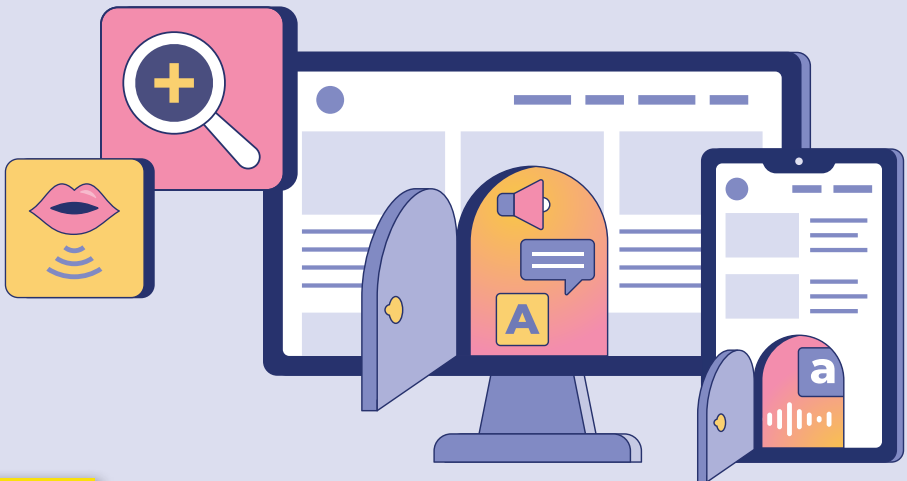
Digital Accessibility Tools and Technologies

12:30 –13:20, Online

This session will demonstrate commonly available tools that can improve accessibility. Some of these tools could be viewed as assistive technologies though they are useful to everyone. We will demonstrate some useful features and help you explore other features available in Microsoft Windows.

- Windows built in accessibility features
- PowerPoint Live
- Word dictate/transcribe
- Pixie browser extension

Register to attend on UoRLearn or please contact the Web Accessibility Team for more information at **WebAccessibilityTeam@reading.ac.uk**.



World of Music

12:30 – 13:00, Cloisters, Outside Building L29,
London Road Campus

Join us for some live music at the London Road cloisters: Samba by various artists including the disabled singer, songwriter Antônio Candeia Filho (Candeia).

Depending on the weather, this music event may take place indoors in Building L29.

Students and staff are welcome to join this drop-in session. Please contact the Staff Disability+ Network for more information at StaffDisabilityPlusNetwork@reading.ac.uk



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Reading Students' Union

Accessible Sports Week

Monday 20 November – Friday 24 November



Throughout this week Reading SU will be running a variety of accessible sports sessions on Whiteknights campus. This will include: boccia, rounders, dance, rugby, and more. Keep an eye on the Reading SU Instagram for more information on session details as they are confirmed. Please contact Kayleigh Fryer at k.fryer@reading.ac.uk with any questions.



Active Bystander Training

10:00 – 11:30, Online

Racism, bullying, sexual harassment and other inappropriate behaviours contribute to a toxic culture. The impact they have on people can be hugely detrimental – leading to stress, anxiety, and mental health problems. As we are seeing in the news, it can be deeply corrosive and damaging if these behaviours and attitudes are normalised over time. That's why it's essential for everyone to know how to speak up when problems arise.

This innovative and award-winning training gives you – and your people – the skills to challenge unacceptable behaviours, including those which may have become normalised over time.

This course consists of a group online session followed by an ongoing discussion and sharing of further resources.

Register to attend on UoRLearn
or please contact People Development for more information at [**peopledevelopment@reading.ac.uk**](mailto:peopledevelopment@reading.ac.uk).



Just Dance Now!

12:30 –13:30, G01, Building L29,
London Road campus

Download the free and popular **'Just Dance Now'** app on your smart mobile phones or tablet and join us for a dance-along event! Will need internet connection. Welcome to stay for 5 minutes or the whole hour...and if you don't feel like dancing we can have informal chats about accessibility, inclusion and video games.

This event is part of the play-based educational work promoted by the **Digital Schoolhouse** in collaboration with Nintendo UK.

Students and staff are welcome to join this drop-in session. **Register to attend** or please contact the Staff Disability+ Network for more information at **StaffDisabilityPlusNetwork@reading.ac.uk**.



Disability, Children and Youth: Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities

18:00 – 19:00, Room G06, Chancellor's Building,
Whiteknights campus or join online

Join us for a panel discussion exploring this year's theme for **UK Disability History Month: Disability, Children and Youth**. The event will be hosted by Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Student Experience and UEB Diversity Champion for Disability at the University of Reading. Find out more about each of the panellists on the next page.

Open to all – booking essential. A BSL interpreter will be present during this event.



To book your place and pre-submit your questions for the panel, visit reading.ac.uk/events. For more information, contact events@reading.ac.uk.

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Find more about panellists

Dani Czernuszka-Watts:



Dani is a current member of the Great Britain women's para ice hockey team. Dani's achievements include being selected to represent the men's team at the World Para Ice Hockey Championships, C-Pool, in 2022, where she was the first woman recorded to score a goal at a World Championship.



Anna Tsakalaki:

Anna is a Lecturer in Education at the University of Reading's Institute of Education, who has researched areas including literacy development and literacy difficulties in different languages, homeschooling and wellbeing of young learners with special educational needs or disabilities during the first two years of the pandemic, and inclusion of learners with special educational needs.



Ruth Pearse:

Ruth is founder and CEO of a Berkshire based charity supporting families of children/young people and young adults who are neurodiverse, have special educational needs or disabilities and children/young people who have experienced early life trauma.



Sophie Flecknell:

Sophie is the Disabled Students' Officer for Reading Students' Union, who represents and advocates for disabled students at the university and aims to ensure that disabled students have the best university experience possible.



University Museums and Special Collections Services

(Dis)ability from Achilles to Zeus: Body Positive at the Ure Museum

16:30 – 18:00, Ure Museum,
Edith Morley Building, Whiteknights campus

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Working with community partners including Reading Mencap, the Ure Museum has been looking at positive histories of disability in the ancient world. Our interactive pop-up display will demonstrate some of the findings of this Community Fund-supported project, and also showcase the progress we have made in developing the resource outcomes from the

group's work to make our wonderfully visual and tactile collection accessible to all. This will include our Makaton Monthly Mondays scheme and our proposed sensory trail around the museum.

All are welcome to this drop-in session. Please contact ure@reading.ac.uk for more information.

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#PositivelyPurple Global Movement

All day, Whiteknights campus

Whiteknights House on Whiteknights campus will be illuminated in purple to support the **#Positively Purple global movement** which falls each year on International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Sunday 3 December.

Staff, students and community are invited to join the University's Winter Festival taking place on the same day from 17:00 in the Palmer Quad and Reading Students' Union on Whiteknights campus.



Making Your Blackboard Module More Accessible with Blackboard Ally

13:00 – 14:00, Online

This session is about assessing and improving the accessibility of your teaching materials on Blackboard.

We will show you how the Blackboard Ally tool can be used to easily check, audit and improve the accessibility of your documents and how students access the automatically generated alternative formats for a better learning experience.

This session aligns with A2, A4, V1, V2 of the UKPSF. Please note this session will be delivered online (the joining link will be emailed to participants before the session).

Register to attend on UoRLearn or please contact CQSD T&L for more information at cqsd-tandl@reading.ac.uk.

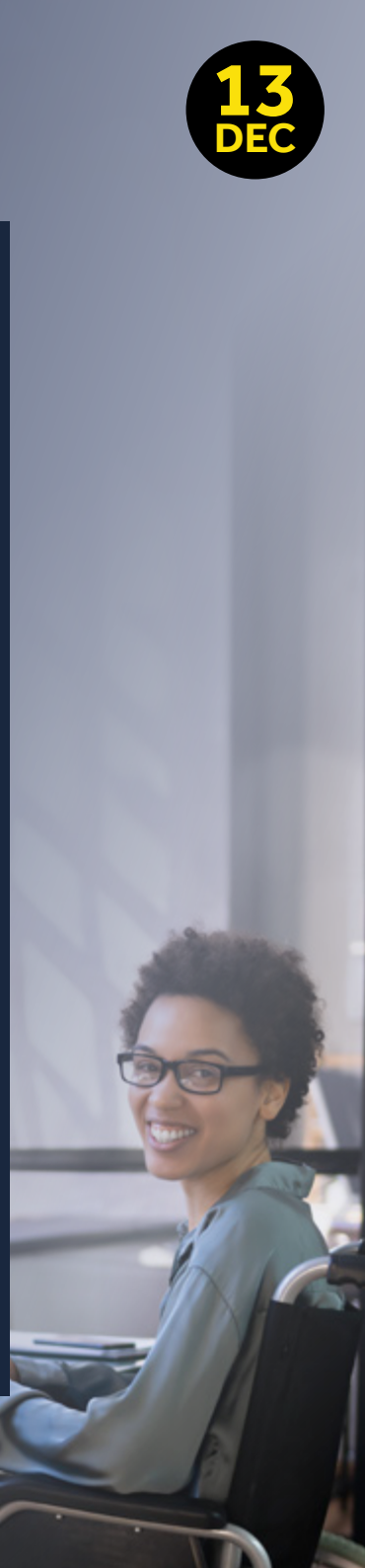
How to Create Accessible Documents

12:30 –13:20, Online

We all create digital content and most of these are documents. This session will demonstrate digital accessibility practices that we should follow to make them accessible to everyone. These principles are not difficult to practice once you get used to them. In this session you will specifically learn about how to create accessible documents using:

- Heading styles
- Alternative text for images
- Descriptive Links
- Accessible Tables
- Document Properties
- Accessibility checking

Register to attend on UoR Learn or please contact the Web Accessibility Team for more information at **WebAccessibilityTeam@reading.ac.uk**.



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