

Disabled Students Expert Panel – Terms of Reference

Purpose:

The Disabled Students Expert Panel will provide the university with advice and feedback on matters relating to accessibility, inclusion and the experience of disabled students at GCU.

Remit:

- To provide advice and feedback to the Disability Review Project Board (or its successor) on the Disability Review Action Plan and its implementation, and various university projects and developments – in relation to accessibility and inclusion matters
- To develop and coordinate, with support from GCU staff and GCU Students' Association, wider engagement and consultation with disabled students at GCU to ensure diverse student experiences and voices are embedded into provisions
- To support the cocreation of new provision, and further development of existing support provision which provides access and inclusion for disabled students at GCU, according to the principle of 'Nothing about us without us'

Frequency of meetings:

Four per academic year to occur throughout Trimester A and B, or as required.

Membership	Current Members
Full Time Officer lead for Disabled Students – Co-Chair	Oluwatomisin (Tom Tom) Osinubi
Disability Manager – Co-Chair	Catriona Mowat
Student Expert Panel Members (x10)	

Governance:

The Disabled Students Expert Panel will report directly to the Disability Review Project Board (or its successor).

Job Title:	Disabled Students Expert Panel Member
Reporting to:	Disability Manager
Rate of Pay:	Living Wage Foundation Rate (currently £12 per hour). We anticipate that the role will require 20 hours of work throughout a full academic year, but can have flexibility in this requirement.
Application:	Applications can be made by email to the Disability Service . You should provide your full name and Student ID, and state (in no more than 200 words) what would make you a good candidate for the role.
Main Purpose of the Role:	To provide feedback and expert advice drawing upon your own lived experience as a disabled student at GCU, to enable the university to ensure that disabled students' needs are fully considered across all aspects of university life.
Overview of the Disabled Students Expert Panel:	<p>GCU is committed to providing an inclusive student experience, which offers all students the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The Disabled Students Expert Panel will provide feedback and advice in relation to the implementation of actions arising from the Disability Review. Panel members may also be asked to provide feedback on various university projects and developments, in relation to accessibility and inclusion matters. Panel members will also be invited to support wider engagement with disabled students across the university. The Group will be comprised of students with diverse needs and experiences, from across the academic schools and at different levels of study.</p> <p>We anticipate that the commitment of the role will be to attend four scheduled Expert Panel meetings each academic year, and to undertake preparation and post meeting actions for which the role holder will also be paid. Other elements of the role may include assisting in the delivery of student consultation events as necessary for which you will receive support from staff. There may be additional paid opportunities for Group members, to work alongside the Disability Team in the co-creation of resources and materials which assist in the promotion of inclusion for disabled students.</p>
Glasgow Caledonian University Student Panel Members:	Working as a Disabled Students Expert Panel Member will allow you to play an active role in the University, helping to create accessible and inclusive support for students, to develop skills to improve your future employment prospects and meet and work with other GCU students from across the University community. The role also offers you the opportunity to earn money on a part-time basis with the flexibility to fit around your studies.