

Introduction to Disability & The Built Environment



This short course will focus on disability access to the built environment, which includes everyday public spaces from, schools to supermarkets. It will also focus on access to public transport including transport hubs. It will go beyond current understandings of disability, to consider the access needs of a wide range of people, including those with invisible disabilities.

To enable students to understand how the built environment is disabling it will introduce them to the social model of disability, which demonstrates how disability is a social construct. Drawing on the lived experiences of an array of disabled people, it will enable students to understand how current access provision is not appropriate in providing access for all.

To understand further this course will examine current legislation, including the Equality Act 2010 and Part M of the Buildings and Regulations Act. It will encourage students to critique the implementation of minimal accessible spaces within the built environment.

This course will introduce students to Universal Design to enable them to consider how the built environment can be made to accommodate a greater range of people and this will be demonstrated within their assessment.



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Course Overview

Topics covered include:

- Introduction to models of disability
- Access to the built environment
- Access to transport and transport hubs
- Access legislation and policies (Equality Act 2010, Part M of the buildings and regulations act...etc)
- Universal design.

At the end of the course students will be able to:

- Identify inequalities to access within the built environment.
- Be able to draw on existing policy and legislation to implement disability access.
- Have the tools to show how spaces can be made more accessible for a range of people.

Assessment

Each week students will be required to complete an online quiz that relates to the topics covered. To pass the course students must complete each weekly quiz and gain a pass mark of at least 50% in each one. If they do not pass first time, they will be given the opportunity to retake the quiz.

Delivery

Delivery will comprise 2 hour-long online sessions on Thursday evenings (6pm – 8pm), for 6 weeks.

Dates and Times

- Thursday 9th January 2025, 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 13th January 2025, 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 23rd January 2025, 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 30th January 2025, 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 6th February 2025, 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 13th February 2025, 6pm - 8pm.

Target Audience

Employers, SENCOs, perspective undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Cost

£110 per participant.

How to apply

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