



EQUALITY & DIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2012

c) Disability Projects and Activities 2010-12

Deputy Rector Academic Appointed as UAL Disability Champion

Elizabeth Rouse's role as Disability Champion has involved providing leadership to the 'Valuing Disabled Colleagues' initiative, presenting at the Equality and Diversity Forum themed around supporting Disabled staff, spear-heading the Disabled Staff Survey and supporting the ongoing improvements in service provision for Disabled students across UAL.

Re-launch of the Disabled Staff Network

The Network aims to support Disabled staff through signposting, information and channelling feedback, promoting disability awareness initiatives and events, and sharing good practice amongst UAL. The network is now chaired by Annastacia Leythorne-Dean.

Staff Well-Being Week

19th – 23rd March 2012

The University Health and Safety team have organised a number of activities and events aimed at promoting staff well-being during the course of 2010/11 and 2011/12, culminating in a 'UAL Well-being week' in March 2012. Activities for staff included Yoga classes, a 'Know your Numbers' Screening with an Occupational Health Adviser, laughter workshops as well as time and stress management workshops.



Seeing is Believing

5th - 9th September, 2011, Lime Grove, LCF.

Claudette Davis- Bonnicks (LCF) worked in partnership with the Thomas Pocklington Trust to develop a week long pattern cutting and design course for blind and partially sighted students. The project involved LCF alumni and staff, and equipment was sourced from the RNIB to enable students to use sewing machines and other technical equipment to design and create their own pieces.

Image: Seeing is Believing participant, supplied by Claudette Davis – Bonnicks.

Arts & Mental Health: Inclusion and Exclusion

28 October 2011, Podium Theatre, LCC

Involved a screening of 'Thou Art', a film which explores the lives of artists in which mental health has played a major role. The film is a forceful statement about access, rights, links between mental health difficulties and creativity and resilience. It was followed by a panel discussion on related issues.

Berlin "British Shorts" film festival 2011 feature graduates of LCC's 2010 MA

Documentary Film.

Two graduates whose films deal with themes of disability; "Words that echo" by Alana McVerry and "Young, Deaf and CF" by Holly Cocker were selected to be showcased at the Berlin "British Shorts" film festival in February 2011.