

Motion Name: Accessibility for students with disabilities at University of Bristol

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Background:

1. Education is a fundamental right for everyone, but it is an inaccessible environment.
2. High dropout rates among students with disabilities.
3. Not too many students with disabilities studying law.
4. Take strides towards achieving UoB's 2030 vision and strategy for the well-being of staff and Students.

Purpose:

1. Improve pavements on campus (in consultation with City Council).
2. Make the doors automatic/ lighter
3. Have a source café in every department so that students, especially those with disabilities who cannot go out, have a place where they can eat/ drink/ relax.
4. Make sure that ramps are properly constructed and are slip-free (no moss/ made of anti-skid material)
5. Have accommodation for students coming with caregivers (not just partners and children) (family accommodation)
6. Have wheelchair sports/ some form of physical activity for people with disabilities.
7. Have students with other disabilities as a part of the UoB community.

Actions:

1. Lobby the University to consult with the City Council to improve pavements on campus for people with disabilities. This includes having tactile tiles for students with low vision/ blindness.
2. Work with university departments to have better accessibility features for students with disabilities – e.g. Ramps, automatic doors, tactile tiles/ braille usage, tables reserved for people with disabilities (with enough space for wheelchair users to roll in)
3. SU to lobby the University to conduct accessibility audits yearly.
4. Work with Source Cafes to make their cafes accessible to all students.
5. Lobby the UoB to educate staff and students about disability and the rights of people with disabilities in line with what the university does for racial issues.
6. To lobby University to have more accessible Muslim prayer facilities across campus.