Seminars on disability support for academics

England, United Kingdom

Case study overview

Whilst providing the students with the right information, in the right format and at the right time is a key part of student support, staff information and training is also required to ensure that all staff involved in student support have the necessary skills and information available to provide the student with the necessary support, and to treat the student with the necessary dignity and respect at all times. Staff training can be focused on different aspects of student support such as:

1. Legislation.

2. Institutional procedures.

3. Pastoral care of students.

4. Dealing with diversity in the classroom.

5. Developing accessible teaching and learning material.

6. Assistive technology.

7. Web accessibility.

8. Effective teaching and learning techniques for inclusive education.

9. Universal design.

However, ensuring that staff members are suitably trained requires information sessions and seminars to be developed and provided in a suitable manner. Where this is linked to

continuing professional development (CPD), this can enhance the relevance and staff training. Within the SALEIE project, the Disability Services within the University of York set-up and ran a seminar on the areas of assistive technology and accessibility which was provided by E.A. Draffan, an expert in these areas working within the University of Southampton (England, United Kingdom). This seminar was provided to the SALEIE project partners within the SALEIE meeting held at the University of York in September 2014. This seminar enabled the project partners to have exposure to new ideas in assistive technology and accessibility.

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