

Disability History Month at BU 2011

Disability History Month (22 November to 22 December) raises awareness of disability issues within wider UK society.

Events taking place at BU during 2011 include:

Staff Disability network meeting

This group is open to all staff who have an interest in and wish to raise, promote and support awareness of disability issues.

28 November, 12.15pm-1.00pm, PG140, Talbot Campus.

To register your interest in this network please email: diversity@bournemouth.ac.uk.

Open Lecture: Stakeholder sovereignty in mental health care: rhetoric or reality?

Led by Associate Professor Francis C Biley, School of Health and Social Care.

Over a number of decades, at least rhetorically, ideal mental health care has moved from a consumerist to democratisation model, where paternalism, surveillance, social control, coercive practice, an over-estimate of needs, restraint and seclusion have been replaced by a situation where people facing mental health issues should have, in that idealised world, complete control over their care, treatment and life options. The essence of socially inclusive mental health practice is to enable the person to rebuild a life that is valuable and meaningful to him or her. But is this reality, or is it still rhetoric?

Monday 5 December 1.00pm-2.00pm, B339, Bournemouth House. [Open to BU students, staff and the public].

To register your attendance at this event please email: diversity@bournemouth.ac.uk.

Open Lecture: Reporting Mental Illness: How Social Networking Helps the Eager Journalist

Led by Dr Ann Luce, Lecturer, The Media School.

This practice-based paper will examine the role of social networking sites in the reporting of mental illness and suicide, looking at how the press represents both on its news pages. This paper will also show how journalists find information for mental illness stories and provide some 'real-life' application tutorage for those in attendance using Google, Facebook, Twitter and YourOpenBook.org.

Thursday 8 December, 1.30 pm-2.30 pm, The Octagon, Talbot campus [Open to BU students, staff and the public].

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Open Lecture: Enhancing the experience of students with Asperger syndrome into through and beyond HE - issues to consider

Led by Dr Nicola Martin, Director of Wellbeing and Disability Services, London School of Economics.

The aim of this lecture is to share research-based insights into the experiences of students who have Asperger syndrome (AS) with a view to improving the student experience. Staff will be invited to contribute their own experiences of working with students who have AS, focussing in particular on STEM subjects, placements and employability. The findings will be thematically analysed anonymously and will contribute to a STEM report.

Monday 12 December, 1.30pm – 3.00pm, The Octagon, Talbot campus. [Open to BU students, staff and the public].

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Open Lecture: Considering Representations of Disability within TV and Film

Led by Dr Chris Pullen, Senior Lecturer, The Media School.

This lecture explores the representation of disability within TV and film. Considering issues such as stereotyping and ‘othering,’ a key point of concern is to explore the commodity of disability. For example are representations such as wheelchair bound ‘Artie’ in the hit TV series *Glee*, educational, useful, representative, or sensational? Similarly, do documentaries that focus on disability offer an address to public service and the desire to represent society as it is, or do they engage in similar structures of entertainment? Exploring the potential of ‘visibility’, and also the problem of ‘use’, this lecture considers potential pathways for the representation of disability, and the desire to engage in new intimate stories.

Tuesday 13 December, 3.30pm-4.30pm, The Octagon, Talbot campus. [Open to BU students, staff and the public].

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This year’s events have been organised and supported by:

- Equality and Diversity Service
- Aimhigher with BU
- The Media School
- School of Health and Social Care

Light refreshments will be provided at each of the open lectures.

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