

**Council Notes:**

Reports released by the Association for Higher Education Access & Disability (AHEAD), of which USI is a board member, finds that while numbers of students with disabilities participating in higher education continues to rise, significant barriers remain.

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The Union of Students in Ireland is committed to removing the stigma from all disabilities, challenging perceptions and encouraging all members of our society to take a positive attitude towards understanding the nature of disability and overcoming prejudices. A key part of this ongoing work can be done through student engagement at a national-level event, to create a space for networking, dialogue, and empowerment to leadership roles.

**Council Mandates:**

The Vice President for Equality and Citizenship to organise a one day training and networking event for students with disabilities before the end of April 2018.