Information for people with a learning disability about how Northumbria University supports people to work with Social Work Students
It is really important to involve people with a learning disability in Social Work Training.

This is what we will do to make sure you enjoy your work with us:

| We will treat you as an equal. We understand that you are the experts who know what having a disability means. |
| We will support you to decide what work you are happy to do. |
| We will make sure any information we keep about you, like your address and phone numbers, is kept safe. |
| We will not share anything you tell us about yourself or anybody else. The only time we will share something you tell us is if you or somebody else are in danger. |
| We will support you if you decide you want to stop working. You will never have to do anything you do not want to. |
**These are the different types of work you can do**

1: Helping us to decide which students should be able to do the Social Work course

- **You can be part of a group that interviews students who want to join the Social Work course.**

- **You can give a presentation to people who want to join the Social Work course. They will then be asked questions about your presentation.**

2: Being involved in different ways to help the students learn

- **You can give a lecture. A lecture is when you are in front of the class and talk about the lives of people with a learning disability.**

- **You can work with people small groups where you talk about the lives of people with a learning disability.**
3: Helping decide how well students are doing on the course

You can be involved in the different ways that we check how well students are doing on the course. This is called an assessment.

4: Research

This is when you work with us to find out the views and experiences of other people with disabilities about different things.

The skills that you will need to do the work

These are some of the skills we look for in people who work with us:

- Somebody who is a good listener
- Somebody who understands how other people might feel about things and is interested in other people’s lives
- Somebody who can share and talk about their own experiences
Somebody who can ask questions and take part in the conversation

Somebody who can understand what the role of the Social Worker is

Somebody who understands about what information can and cannot be shared

People who are polite and friendly

The support we give you to do the work

Training in the different jobs:

- Interviewing staff
- How to do research
- How to work in small groups
- Giving presentations
Transport

- We will pay for your transport costs
- We can also help you with parking and planning how to get to your work
- When you arrive, we will meet you and help you get to where you need to be

Peer Support

- We can find somebody with a learning disability who has worked with us before who can support you.
- You can talk to them about the work they do and even watch them while they do work for us

You will be paid for your work

- We always pay people for the work they do for us
- There are different rates of pay depending on the work you do
- One rate for £10.00 and one for £30.00 hour. Pay depends upon the type of work you do
- We will talk to you about the best way to pay you if you decide to work for us.
People can ask for their payment to be made to an organisation (including donated to charity) if they wish to do that.

Complaints

If you are unhappy with anything about your time working with us, you can make a complaint.

To make a complaint:

Phone: Sarah Lonbay 0191 215 6771
Email: Sarah.Lonbay@northumbria.ac.uk

or

Phone: Nancy Kelly 0191 2156302
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Contact

Sarah Lonbay is the main person to talk to about being involved in the Social Work programmes.

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