

## **Disabled Students Stakeholder Group**

### **Remit**

As a result of the Funding for Learners review, the Disabled Students Stakeholder Group has been established to consider and address issues relating to the support available to learners with disability related additional needs in further and higher education. The Group comprises the key stakeholders and delivery partners and its objectives are:

- to consider the issues identified during the analysis of the current support arrangements and institutional funding related to students with special educational needs;
- to consider proposals and make recommendations on future policy development;
- propose actions to eliminate duplication and inconsistency;
- promote greater co-operation and common understanding between those representing students and assessing their needs and those developing and implementing government policy to address those needs; and
- to monitor and help to embed implementation of the significant number of new policy developments.

### **Membership**

The Group's current membership:

1. Kathie Robertson, Higher Education & Learners Support, Scottish Government (Chair)
2. Victoria Beattie, Higher Education & Learners Support, SG
3. Laura Worku, Higher Education & Learners Support, SG (Secretariat)
4. Michael Doherty, Higher Education & Learners Support, SG (Secretariat)
5. Carolyn Fishman, Higher Education & Learners Support, SG
6. Fiona Mejury, Higher Education & Learners Support, SG
7. Cyril Hellier, MCMC, Educational Psychologist, SG
8. Graeme Bryce, Equality Unit, SG
9. Steven Bell, Workforce Development, Social Care, SG
10. Lorna Caldwell, SAAS
11. Alan Scott, SAAS
12. Leia Fitzgerlad, SAAS
13. Dr Lucy Foley, Aberdeen University
14. Lesley Carcary, SKILL Scotland
15. Alison Cox, BRITE
16. Shirley Hill, University of Dundee and Access Centre
17. Anne Simpson, Strathclyde University
18. Jeanette Gillies, Motherwell College and Access Centre
19. Pat Geddes, Edinburgh University
20. Anna Thompson, Scottish Funding Council (SFC)
21. Roland Tye, SFC
22. Stephen Edgar, Aberdeen College
23. Jane Gillham, Stevenson College and Access Centre

24. Fiona Scott, Open University
  25. Marian Ewan, Jobcentre Plus
  26. Sally McGreevy, Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)
  27. Delia Henry, Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID)
  28. Simin Abrahams, Universities Scotland
  29. James Alexander, Scotland's Colleges (ASC)
  30. Geraldine Ratcliffe, Scotland's Colleges (SFEU)
  31. Erin Elvin, Policy Officer, National Union of Students
  32. Karena Youngson, Disability Officer, National Union of Students
  33. Association of Directors of Education (ADES)
  34. Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW)
- Other stakeholders, experts or interested parties may be invited to contribute on an ad hoc basis on specific issues.

Members are expected to attend the DSSG meetings and if they are unable to attend or provide a suitable substitute to represent their organisation/sector then they are expected to provide written comments on the papers in advance of the meeting. These comments will then be circulated to the DSSG membership.

### **Sub Groups**

Current sub groups include:

#### **NMPH (Roles, Responsibilities & Rates of Pay):**

- Leia Fitzgerald - SAAS
- Laura Worku (maternity leave) /Parminder Purewal - HELS, Scottish Government
- John Cameron - SAAS
- Geraldine Ratcliffe – Scotland's Colleges
- Anne Simpson – Strathclyde University
- Christina Costello – Dundee University
- Alison Cox – BRITE
- Elizabeth Mooney – Glasgow Caledonian University (Deaf Students Working Group)