

Snowdon Trust

Disabled Leaders Network & Give Back Programme

Delivered in partnership with the
Global Disability Innovation Hub

Information pack

Investing in inspirational disabled leaders

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About the...

Disabled Leaders Network

Over the past 38 years the Snowdon Trust has supported exceptional disabled students into higher education through grants and scholarships.

The Disabled Leaders Network is a platform for these brilliant students to build relationships, share knowledge and create a community of high achieving disabled leaders within a range of sectors and fields.

The network will support future disabled leaders during and beyond their studies, as they complete their higher education courses and move onto the workplace and their chosen careers.

Delivered by the Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub), the Disabled Leaders Network will be a space for collaboration, engagement and debate. The network will create a hub of information and knowledge, providing opportunities for networking and engagement. Shaped and driven by its members, the network will be supported by the GDI Hub and Snowdon Trust.

Network members

The Disabled Leaders Network will be open to Snowdon scholarship and grant holders. The network will consist of current students and alumni, creating a unique mix of experiences and expertise across a range of subjects, universities and careers.

By providing a space for collaboration the network will create opportunities for its members, while also working to support and inspire other future disabled leaders entering into higher education or at the beginning of their careers.

What's involved in the... Disabled Leaders Network



Disabled Leaders Network Group

An online forum to discuss, debate and share ideas. Invite only, consisting of Snowdon scholarship holders, grant holders and alumni. The network will bring together exceptional disabled leaders, building relationships and creating a valuable resource for members.



Topic specific discussions

Each month the network will discuss a particular topic within the facebook group. This could be around an area of interest, study experience, knowledge sharing or debate.

Network members will lead these topic discussions, supported by the GDI Hub.



Annual Disabled Leaders Network Event

Once a year the Disabled Leaders Network will come together to build relationships, capture learnings and enable members to meet in person. The event will be an opportunity to strengthen the network, providing opportunities for collaboration and discussion.



Other activities and events

Throughout the year there will be opportunities for members of the Disabled Leaders Network to attend events and meet-ups alongside existing Snowdon Trust, GDI Hub and sector events. These events will give an opportunity for the network to meet up informally, engaging with relevant sector activities and building connections.



Stories, Blogs, Video and Resources

The Disabled Leaders Network will collect stories, experiences and knowledge to build a resource base to capture learnings.

These resources will be used to benefit other students, universities and workplaces, encouraging more disabled students to continue into higher education and leadership roles.

Give Back

A key ambition of the Disabled Leaders Network is for successful Snowdon Trust alumni to help support and engage the next generation of disabled leaders.

Snowdon Scholar holders are selected in part by their commitment to engage with this 'Give Back' programme. The initiative aims to support other disabled students and individuals to reach their potential, be that through the education system, in the workplace or within their communities.

Examples of 'Give Back' activity could be mentoring others to getting involved in a university disabled students campaign or workplace group, and could involve;

- Increasing disabled student networking within academic institutions
- Mentoring students within your university / local area
- Creating resources to advise or support other students
- Sharing experiences to promote disabled students in higher education
- Encourage exceptional students to apply for Snowdon Trust funding

Launching the... Disabled Leaders Network



Dr Renny Leach,
Chairman of Trustees
Snowdon Trust

“It is now 38 years since the Trust was set up by the First Earl of Snowdon. In that time we have helped more than 2,700 disabled students on the path to achieving their true potential, with grants and scholarships totaling more than £4 million.

Over the years we have seen very many brilliant students, destined for fabulous futures. A few have kept in touch or contacted us again after several years. But we have never before had a mechanism in place for our students to keep in touch with us or, more importantly each other beyond their studies. So, we are very excited to be launching the Disabled Leaders Network with the help and support of our friends at the GDI Hub.”

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Dr Catherine Holloway,
Academic Director
GDI Hub

“The Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub) is delighted to be supporting the Disabled Leaders Network and Give Back Programme.

We’re looking forward to working alongside the brilliant Snowdon scholarship holders, grant awardees and alumni, to establish a network of disabled leaders to accelerate outcomes and impact the experience of others within further education and employment.

We believe the Disabled Leaders Network will provide a foundation for future success, accelerating the reach of its members and influencing others to achieve their full potential.”

Growing the... Disabled Leaders Network

The Disabled Leaders Network is just beginning. We're looking forward to working alongside Snowdon Trust Scholars and Alumni to create an active community to empower future disabled leaders to excel within their chosen careers.

Watch this space..!

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