**Workshop W1C**

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| Proposal Title |
| The Disability-LGBTQ+ intersection: challenging stigma and misconceptions |
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| Synopsis of Proposal: maximum of 250 words |
| * 1-hour duration workshop, facilitated with panellists (2 external, 1 from University) * A range of facilitation techniques will be used to create a safe space and enable everyone to contribute, with opportunities to collaborate and identify potential solutions and pledges for action after the event * Questions to be posed to panellists and attendees to debate emerging issues * Opportunity to engage on a 1-to-1 basis with facilitators/speakers afterwards, plus signposting for additional support (University or event organisers to provide the latter)   Overview:  In your disability friendship group how challenging is it to come out as LGBTQ+? If you’re LGBTQ+ how difficult is it to come out about a disability or neurodiversity? What stigma is present in both groups and how does it manifest itself?  For both groups, sharing very personal information in wider society can be challenging. But at the intersection there is an additional level of sharing that may manifest itself as being treated differently even though you’re already part of a minority group (and would therefore expect a little more tolerance).   * Are some disabilities and neurodiversities more “acceptable” than others in an LGBTQ+ context? * What unnecessary barriers are there when having a disability in an LGBTQ+ environment? * How use of language and its interpretation affects one’s decision to share personal information   We will explore these and other questions in a safe and empowering environment. with opportunities to explore issues and potential solutions. |