One of the main concerns for people who claim incapacity and disability benefits, is how their benefits will be affected.

Aimed at those who advise students in higher education, this one-day introductory course provides an overview of the benefits, loans and grants available to disabled students.

It provides practical ways to help students protect their benefit rights and maximise their entitlement.

The course includes:
- The benefit barriers to accessing higher education
- Disability Living Allowance and how it is affected by study
- Incapacity Benefit and what to do if it's reviewed
- How loans and grants affect income support and housing benefit
- Students and tax credits

Benefits and support for disabled students in higher education

Weds 11 July 2007
London

Tues 25 Sept 2007
Manchester

Tues 20 Nov 2007
Leeds

From £80 per place
Lunch included
This course is suited to anyone providing advice or support to students in higher education eg disability workers, Student Services staff and advice agencies.

Changes to higher education fees, grants and loans, the complexities of social security benefits and tax credits and the interaction of benefits with grants/loans can create a barrier to providing in-depth support and information to disabled students.

Attending this course will give you a deeper understanding of the subject matter and improve the standard of advice and information you are able to offer disabled students.

The content of this course was developed by experts and tested by a pilot group of education support staff, voluntary sector advice staff and welfare rights workers.

This course has been developed as part of a collaborative project, funded by Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales. The project brings together Skill’s expertise around student finance issues and Disability Alliance’s expertise around benefits and tax credits for disabled people and carers.

**Skill** (National Bureau for Students with Disabilities) helps disabled people across the UK make the most of their learning and employment opportunities. In addition to research, policy and campaigning work, it organises conferences for professionals and disabled students, trainees and job-seekers. Skill, Skill Northern Ireland, Skill Scotland and Skill Wales offer information and advice services for disabled people about post-16 education, training, employment and volunteering.

**Disability Alliance** is a membership organisation that is regarded as the leading authority on social security benefits for disabled people. It produces its annual flagship publication, the Disability Rights Handbook and a range of disability benefit guides. The Alliance also plays a strong lobbying role, and regularly contributes to government policy proposals by responding to government consultation documents and through its membership of the Disability Benefits Consortium.

### Cost per place

- **Standard rate**: £100.00
- **Member rate**: £80.00

Member rate applies to members of Skill or Disability Alliance

### To book a place

Bookings are dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please complete one booking form per delegate (forms may be photocopied) and post, fax or email your form to:

**Disability Alliance**

Universal House

88-94 Wentworth Street

London E1 7SA

Telephone: 020 7247 8776

Fax: 020 7247 8765

Email: member.da@dial.pipex.com

### Pre-course information

Pre-training papers, including venue details, will be issued 7-14 days before the event.

### Cancellation terms

Cancellations will be accepted up to five working days before the course, less a 10% admin charge. After this point, no refunds can be given but a replacement delegate may be sent.

### Accessibility

If you have any disability related needs to enable you to participate in this course, please let us know. All our training venues are accessible to wheelchair users.

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