



## Making sure more people with intellectual disabilities can take part in higher education



**Higher education** is when you carry on learning when you have finished school or college.

It is usually for people who are older than 18.



People get higher education at universities or colleges.



You study on a course to get a qualification. This might be a degree or a certificate.

# Programme for Access to Higher Education



We are called the Higher Education Authority. We make sure places like universities and colleges work in the best way.



We are taking part in a programme called **Programme for Access to Higher Education**.

The programme is called **PATH** for short. We say it as **path**.



The programme wants to make sure that everyone has the same chances to have higher education.

This includes people:



- with a disability
- with an intellectual disability and/or autism



- who are Traveller or Roma



- who do not have a lot of money



The programme is split into smaller parts.



In this part of the programme, we are looking at higher education for people with an intellectual disability.

## Who we want to talk to

We want to talk to lots of students with an intellectual disability about higher education.



This includes students who are thinking about doing a course or who have already done one.



It is really important to find out what students think.



It will help us to understand what people need and how to make our universities and colleges better.







We will also talk to:

- parents and carers



- teachers and bosses from universities and colleges



- health and care staff



- other organisations who support people with intellectual disabilities at university



Universities must make sure they talk to lots of different people about this too.

# How people can get involved



We are going to have some **workshops**.

A **workshop** is like a meeting where we will talk about higher education.



We will talk about things like:

- what courses people can do now or would like to do in future



- what jobs people can do when they finish their course



- what support people need when they do a course

## What will happen next



Each university and college will use what people tell us to write a plan.



The plan will say how they will support students with intellectual disabilities.



We will look at all of the plans.



We will give some money to the universities and college with the best plans.

They can use the money to make their plan happen.



After 3 years we will see if their plans work or what things need changing.

# For more information

For more information, or to get involved, you can contact....

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