

The Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre Newsletter: November 2022

Dear Students,

Hello from all of us at the ADRC. We hope all is going well, but please [contact us](#) if you need advice related to your disability.

You can provide us with your access requirements by completing our [Student Information Form](#). We will then contact you about using our booking system to make an appointment with a disability adviser or assistant disability adviser, when you can discuss things further.

You will find below information and opportunities that may be of interest to you, beginning with adverts from two local sports clubs.

Best wishes,

The Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre (ADRC) Team



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Figure 1: Front of the [Student Services Centre](#) where the ADRC is based

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The Cambridge Dons Goalball Club

Why not come and try the Paralympic sport: Goalball!

The Cambridge Dons Goalball Club is one of the biggest clubs in the country. We have several Cambridge University students past and present playing for our club. We foster an inclusive community minded sports club open to everyone no matter what someone would like to get out of being part of our club. We pride ourselves on being a supportive community that is there for each other on and off the goalball court.

When: Every other Sat 11am – 2pm

Who: People of all levels of sight from fully sighted to blind are welcome at our club, as are people with different disabilities.

Where: Cherry Hinton Village Leisure Centre, Coleville Road, Cambridge, CB1 9EJ

For info: contact Cambridge.dons@gmail.com or 07939 181 288 (Warran Wilson, Club Chair)

Parafencing sessions at the Cambridge University Fencing Club

“My name is Gabriel, I'm the current social Secretary of the Cambridge university fencing club. After a successful pilot last year, we are running parafencing (wheelchair fencing) sessions every Friday from 4:30 to 6:30pm. The sessions are coached by Badip Sahota, GB Paralympic team coach. We provide all the necessary equipment, including the wheelchairs and fencing rig. Please email me for further information.” Gabriel Millin: gjm52@cam.ac.uk

Two day writing retreat for neurodiverse postgraduate students

The [Cambridge Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) – alongside the ADRC – is running a two-day writing retreat at the [Student Services Centre](#) on 22 and 23 November. It is designed to offer structured sessions of academic writing for PhD students. There is no cost, and you'll get the chance to work in a supportive environment, and discuss strategies for good working practices that accommodate neurodivergence.

[Information and registration details can be found on Inkpath](#) (you will need to register for Inkpath first).

Careers workshop for autistic students

The Careers Service - in collaboration with the ADRC - run a series of three workshops for students with autism or who identify with autism, which are designed to guide and enable undergraduate and post-graduate students with the transition into employment and future careers.

The workshops start on 6th December 2022, with subsequent sessions in January and February 2023. It is open to autistic students across all academic disciplines and colleges. If you're interested in attending please find more details below, including how to book.

Workshop 1 - Tuesday 6th December, 3 – 5pm

Recognizing skills and presenting them in a CV and Cover Letter.

Workshop 2 - Tuesday 10th January, 3 – 5pm

Understanding the recruitment process (interviews/assessment centres) and access arrangements.

Workshop 3 - Tuesday 14th February, 3 – 5pm

Talking about your profile with employers and adjustments in the workplace.

All the workshops will take place online via MS Teams and once registered you will be sent a workshop link. Welcome to have your camera on or off and to ask questions in the chat or by using the 'hand-up' function.

Please email the ADRC (disability@admin.cam.ac.uk) by 30th November to book a place.

Please send us the following details:

- Which workshop/s you'd like to attend (we recommend all in the series)
- Your name, subject and year of study
- Any access arrangements you required

If you book and then find you're not able to attend please can you let the ADRC know so we know who to expect. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Update from the Libraries Accessibility Service

Following a successful trial, Cambridge University Libraries now offer students a collection of 200 streaming audiobooks on [EBSCOhost](#). The audiobooks work a bit like library books: you have to 'borrow' them, and only one person at a time can use each book for up to seven days.

Accessing the audiobooks is a two-step process:

1. Browse and borrow the books on the EBSCOhost website (you will need to create a free account to borrow - this is separate from logging in with Raven)
2. Listen to the books on a dedicated app (EBSCO audio).

[Watch a video or read a PowerPoint for further instructions](#)

We'd love to hear your feedback. Please contact disability@lib.cam.ac.uk for more information.

[Library study skills catalogue](#)

Are you looking to improve your study or research skills, your library know-how or your information literacy? Take a look at the new [Library Study Skills Catalogue](#) (Raven login) to find out what training and support is available, from 'How to Write When You Don't Want to Write' to 'Referencing Surgeries'.

[Contact us](#)

We're happy to arrange a face-to-face or online meeting with disabled students at any stage in your course or research. We're also happy to hear from you by email. Please contact disability@lib.cam.ac.uk

[Do you have a hidden disability? Are you a first-year undergraduate student? \(support needed with doctoral research\)](#)

Doctoral researcher, Elle Wills, would like to invite you to participate in a creative and experimental project which will examine the relationship between educational spaces, hidden disabilities and learner identity in higher education. [Go to Elle's website to find out more.](#)

[Paid research opportunity to share your experience with the Cambridge Neurodiversity & Learning Research Project](#)

Help shape inclusive education for neurodiverse students.

The study takes around 20 minutes, with a mix of short surveys and simple tasks. All participants receive a £5 Voucher. All undergraduates are welcome to take part and we're particularly interested in hearing from autistic students. [The tasks can be found on this portal.](#)

Visit [our website](#) or email researcher Julie Bailey at jb658@cam.ac.uk for more details.

Update from the Student Advice Service (lecture recordings)

Are you a disabled student concerned that your department has not made lecture recordings available? You can raise the issue directly with the department, let your Academic Rep know or visit the [Code of Practice: Access and Inclusion for Disabled Students](#) for guidance on how to raise your concerns formally.

You can access more information [in our blog](#) or [contact us](#) to speak with one of our advisors who can help you explore your options.

Autism at Work - graduate roles at GSK (Sept 2023)

GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) are working with [Autism at Work](#) to offer opportunities to autistic graduates. They are looking for candidates for their Biostatistics Future Leader Graduate Programme, starting in September 2023.

You can find information on this programme and future opportunities on [their job opportunities page](#).

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please let us know if you have any feedback or suggestions: disability@admin.cam.ac.uk

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