Agata & Helen Manifesto

We are two disabled students at the university who are running together for the position of Disabled Students’ Officer. We’re excited to develop the Disabled Students’ Network (DSN) – there’s so much potential for it to develop both in inclusivity and activities and we are committed to doing this.

We aim to provide a safe place for disabled students to meet other disabled students and get a chance to have a University life which is both rich in diversity and experiences. Our plans include arranging activities such as Crafternoons, bake/cake events, movement classes to help stretch and strengthen, and more involvement with other societies. As you can see, we want there to be something for everyone, no matter what their disability, condition, illness or impairment.

Something we’re especially passionate about is setting up a regular canine therapy afternoon which would be exclusive to the students in the society.

We know how valuable people’s experiences are. We want to use this to strengthen the DSN. This will happen in two ways: through people sharing and learning from each other’s experiences with a disability, learning how to cope better and what support is available. We want to create a sharing platform where this can occur. We hope that this would also include working with the DSN at Nottingham Trent, and potentially other universities as well.

But more generally we want to be able to have fun together and do so in a way that is good for everyone. This means you can have a real input into the events we do on and off campus.

We are standing together as we consider the society will benefit from the energy that this will bring. We are also passionate about more of you getting involved in influencing the direction the society takes whether that’s through joining the committee or sharing suggestions.

We strongly believe that disabled students should be able to have as much fun and as many experiences as other students and therefore we will strive to provide this if we are elected.