**Together We Stand: A major conference in learning disabilities**

The University of West London in collaboration with the British Institute of Learning Disabilities, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, Certitude and others are to hold a major inclusive conference on learning disabilities on November the 5th 2014 at its Brentford site, Paragon, Boston Manor Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9GA.

The aim of this conference is *to bring together all those with an interest in learning disabilities to talk about, and learn some of the things that are important for us all in the coming months and years.* We hope to:

* Understand what government is doing and planning, and how this will affect people with learning disabilities and their families, and the people who support them.
* Share details of new research about the health of people with learning disabilities in a big meeting presented by people known nationally.
* Discuss some of the important things that health and social care professionals and others should know about in small group sessions.
* To make new friends and have a chance to talk to people from all over England and make our own partnerships.
* To join in some sessions to improve our health and well-being, and have fun.

The organising committee invites submissions of abstracts for concurrent sessions that will be delivered both in the morning and afternoon in parallel with other concurrent sessions that are placed between key note lectures. The themes of the concurrent sessions are; lifestyle, updates and workshops, health and well-being, and contemporary research. Examples of what people may care to present are listed below these are only illustrative and we ask potential submissions to be as creative and inclusive as possible. Abstracts should be submitted for consideration by the organising committee no later than 17.00 31st July 2014 to kay.mafuba@uwl.ac.uk. We also welcome the submission of abstracts for poster presentations, both these and the concurrent sessions should adhere to the following format, presenters should be aware that **inclusiveness** will be a determining factor in the selection of successful submissions. Abstracts should not be more than 500 words in length, and should include;

FIRST NAME: Enter the first initial only of presenter

LAST NAME: Enter the full last name of presenter

EMAIL: Enter the email address of the presenter

AFFILIATION: Institution and address of presenter

OTHER PRESENTERS: Enter the first initial and last name of all other presenters as you would like them to appear in the programme

TITLE AND ABSTRACT: Mark as a concurrent session or Poster

Enter the title and the abstract. Abstracts should include no more than 500 words, and should include headings, such as; Aims; Subject/Methods; Results/Outcomes; Conclusion

**Examples of topics within themes**

**Lifestyle**

Benefits - Update

Employment - Update

Housing - Update

**Practice updates and workshops**

Epilepsy - Update

Mental Capacity Act - Update

Deprivation of Liberty - Update

Writing for publication - Workshop

Safe Guarding - Update

**Health and well being**

Health and well-being - Workshop

Health MOT - Weight, BP, Pulse, BMI, advice on smoking, drinking and diet

Management of diabetes

Beating depression

**Contemporary research**

Epilepsy

Hate Crime

Access to Health

People with learning disabilities as co-researchers











