Transcript - The Social Model of Disability at UAL with Audio-Description

Audio description: The Social Model of Disability at UAL.

Dialogue: UAL and the Disability Service use the social model of disability as a tool to support students. Here’s what this means for you.

Audio description: UAL as a building with star shaped entrances

Dialogue: Have you ever felt like the world isn’t designed for you? Like you don’t fit in?

Audio description: Colourful shapes appear

Dialogue: Each and every one of us is different – but it can feel like the world expects us all to be the same.

Audio description: They try to enter

Dialogue: Every day I encounter barriers, and things that disable me.

Audio description: Not all shapes fit.

Dialogue: Sometimes it’s the building, or an offhand comment that gets in my way. It can feel like my course is taught and assessed in a way that doesn’t have me in mind. Sometimes I feel like I have to tell people my life story, just to get what I need. But it doesn’t need to be that way.

Audio-description: Shapes re-appear

Dialogue: The social model of disability says that we are not disabled by our individual differences. We are disabled by barriers in the world around us.

Audio-description: and are pushed away by a star shaped entrance.

Dialogue: We are disabled by a world that doesn’t take into account who we are, and what we need.

Audio-description: which changes shape.

Dialogue: We don’t need to change who we are. We can change the world around us.
Audio-description: It becomes a circle.

Dialogue: We can change buildings, and courses, and attitudes.

Audio-description: With circular entrances

Dialogue: In a university full of artists, designers and creatives, we can create a university that’s designed with everyone in mind.

Audio-description: all shapes fit and can enter UAL.

Dialogue: A university that removes barriers for everyone, whoever we are. We can shape the world around us. And the Disability Service can help.

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