



## **DISABILITY INNOVATION SUMMIT 2017**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS / CALL FOR IDEAS**

Call opens: Wednesday 1<sup>ST</sup> February 2017

Call closes: 5pm GMT Tuesday 14th March 2017

### **GLOBAL DISABILITY INNOVATION HUB**

The Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub) is a dedicated research, teaching and practice centre and online community, born out of the legacy of the London 2012 Paralympic Games and the world-leading disability expertise of the institutions connected to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The Hub brings together world-leading disability expertise of the London Mayors Regeneration Agency (LLDC), University College London (UCL), Sadlers Wells, V&A, Leonard Cheshire Disability Centre, Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design at the Royal College of Art and Loughborough University London. We believe that by collaborating with disabled people, practitioners, organisations, academics, local communities and emerging partnerships from around the world, we can make transformative change.

Over the next ten years the Hub will become a world leading learning and innovation hub, making positive change to the lives of disabled people globally through collaboration, inclusive design and creative thinking. Our first Disability Innovation Summit is being held in London during the world's second biggest para sport event: the 2017 IPC Athletics Championships.

This is a chance for the world's best thinkers - be they academics, practitioners, experts, community members or international partners, to share their thoughts on innovative approaches to improving the lives of disabled people.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS, IDEAS, EXPERIENCES, INNOVATIONS**

We are looking for the submission of papers, projects, ideas, experiences and innovations. Each will be reviewed and fed into the plans for the Summit and ultimately the development of the GDI Hub. We particularly welcome submissions from disabled people, innovators, young people and collaborative groups.

Submissions will be used in the following ways:

- The most pioneering, interesting or life changing submissions will be invited to present to the Summit
- We will select panel members and break out leads from entries, with an emphasis on creating diverse inputs
- Submissions will help form the bases of summit breakout sessions including co-design workshops and problem solving
- Video, poster displays, artwork or exhibition pieces will be selected to display at the Summit.

Submissions can be academic, ideas or experienced based, in the format of a paper, video, poster display, artwork or an exhibition. Papers should be no more than 7,000 words in length. Entries should be focused around technology, innovation, co-design and collaboration. Papers should be written in an accessible style for policy and practitioner, as well as academic and community audiences. Formal presentations will take the form of short accessible talks.

We encourage entries from all areas of the GDI Hubs work, including:

- Assistive Tech
- Disability Inclusive International Development
- Inclusive Design, Arts and Culture
- Accessibility of the Built Environment
- Disability Sport
- Corporate Social Responsibility

Proposals will be reviewed by the GDI Hub disability board, academic board and Hub team. Winners will be announced on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Following the summit papers will be made available as an open access resource in the UCL library and via the GDI Hub website.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

We welcome applications from:

- Academic researchers
- Disabled people
- Innovators
- Entrepreneurs
- Local community members
- Community organisations
- Young people
- Policymakers
- Think tanks and NGOs

### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

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