



**Disabled Members SOG Policy Weekend**  
**Friday, 19 May (9.30 am – 4.30 pm) & Saturday, 20 May 2017 (9.30 am – 1.00 pm)**

**Venue:**

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Vaux Brewery Way**  
**City of Sunderland**  
**SR5 1SU**

Government cuts are having a disproportionate impact on UNISON's Disabled Members. Disabled people are more likely to work in the public sector, more likely to access statutory public sector services and more likely to need support to use universal public services. Disabled people rely on disability benefits to stay in work and in some cases to survive. All of these things are being cut. The weakening of the Equality Act makes it increasingly difficult for our disabled members to challenge decisions and fight the cuts. It is important that all our disabled members and anyone who represents them in the workplace is aware of the challenges ahead and what steps can be taken to mitigate this adverse impact.

This weekend is an opportunity to discuss how we can work together to ensure disability issues are kept on the bargaining agenda and to update on current issues affecting disabled members.

**Closing Date:       Monday, 1 May 2017**