

## **2197 Study Space for All**

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### **Union Notes**

1. In 2017/18 there at least 0.6% of students at UEA who have a confirmed diagnosis of being on the autistic spectrum, AS.
2. Autism expert Prof Tony Attwood says 10-15 per cent of children with AS will be 'un-diagnosed' in adulthood.
3. Many students have reported that the current conditions in the library are not conducive to their learning requirements, meaning they feel at a disadvantage compared to other students, as result finding it difficult to keep up with workload and are unable to make best use of their time on campus.

### **Union Believes**

1. That everyone should have access to appropriate learning resources and nobody is excluded from study.
2. That an accessible space isn't just physical access.

### **Union Resolves**

1. To mandate the welfare community and diversity officer to campaign for the university to have booths that are soundproofed, to create a silent environment in the library that are not booked in advanced, with a sign to say if they are available or not. These would try and reduce environmental over-stimulation and distraction, which some students including those on the autistic spectrum, may find a barrier to study and learning. These booths would have restricted access to only those who need them. This access would be administrated by Student Support Services, to those who needed the facility, including, but not exclusive to those on the autistic spectrum.