



**A positive agenda for disability and employment:
A seminar on the Government's Cuts and Reforms**
Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.
Monday 23 January, 2.00 – 4.00

Disability benefits are in the headlines – cutting benefits for disabled children, making people undergoing chemotherapy prove they aren't 'fit for work', time-limiting benefits for hundreds of thousands of disabled people. Disabled people are getting angry, but the Government has yet to take notice.

On **23 January** come to **Congress House** (location: <http://www.congresscentre.co.uk/location.asp> access: http://www.congresscentre.co.uk/facilities_disabled.asp) to find out more about the government's plans and the growing reaction against them.

The seminar will be chaired by **Nicola Smith**, Head of the Economic and Social Affairs Department at the TUC; speakers include -

- Prof **Paul Gregg**, author of *Realising Potential*, the 2008 report on conditionality and support in the benefits system.
- Benefit expert (and adviser to the last Government) **Declan Gaffney**.
- Leading bloggers **Sue Marsh** ("Diary of a Benefit Scrounger") and **Kaliya Franklin** ("Bendy Girl").
- TUC economist **Richard Exell**, former member of the Disability Rights Commission.

This seminar is free, but seats will be reserved on a first-come – first-served basis, so please book a place in advance, at:

<http://disabilityandemployment.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Agenda

- 2.00 Chair's welcome: Nicola Smith
- 2.10 Paul Gregg: 'Incapacity benefit reform under Labour and the coalition'
- 2.30 Sue Marsh & Kaliya Franklin: 'Perverse incentives and how the government is creating them in the name of reform'
- 2.45 Declan Gaffney: 'Disability and employment: time for a new realism'
- 3.00 Richard Exell: 'A Social Model of Incapacity'
- 3.10 Q+A to a panel of the speakers
- 3.55 Chair's concluding remarks
- 4.00 Close