

**Disability History Month 2020 seminar  #Includeus Logo, company name

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**“Impact of COVID-19 on Disabled Workers”**

**Elane Heffernan (UCU) Monday 30th November 1- 2pm**

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Elane will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on disabled people, including the removal of rights to inclusive education and independent living 25 years after militant protest won the first disability rights legislation in the UK. She will look at the additional stresses caused to disabled workers by the pandemic, lockdown and return to face to face working. Elane will help us to think about organising disabled workers to be more effective within the union for disabled workers’ rights, whether as allies or disabled workers ourselves.

Elane Heffernen is currently the Chair of the Disabled Members Standing Committee and sits on the National Executive Committee representing further education. She also sits on the Trades Union Congress (TUC) Disabled Workers Committee.