

ATOS Off Our Campus – 13/02/2014

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Union Notes

1. ATOS Healthcare is a French IT company paid by the current government to administer work capability assessments
2. 31 of the 123 centres used by ATOS for conducting work capability assessments do not have ground floor access for wheelchair users
3. As a result of their unreliable and unethical methods of assessment over 1000 people have died after they had been declared Fit To Work by ATOS
4. Their unreliability is further demonstrated in that 40% of appeals to ATOS decisions are successful and a further 70% when there is legal representation involved
5. ATOS are coming onto campuses to recruit students to work for them

Union Believes

1. That the unreliable methods ATOS use are not acceptable
2. That ATOS's conduct and role in disability assessment is concerning, and that it has an impact on the lives of disabled students
3. That the recent shakeup of disability benefit will have a real impact on the lives of current and future disabled students

Union Resolves

1. That the union should work with NUS Disabled Students Campaign to campaign against ATOS
2. That the union should not enter into any partnership with ATOS whether that be them delivering accredited courses or recruiting employers at our University, in such a case the Students' Union will encourage and lobby the university to not invite them onto campus
3. That the union should encourage the University to condemn ATOS for their harmful role in disability assessment