Mainstreaming Equality in the University of the Highlands and Islands



Academic Partner: West Highland College

Protected characteristic(s): Disability, Carers

Advancing equality of opportunity/Fostering good relations

# Key area/example of where progress has been made with regard to equality and diversity:

Enabling appropriate levels of access to on site campus parking facilities, recognising disability, caring responsibilities, temporary incapacity and health and safety requirements

### Action we have taken to progress this key area:

- Establish a parking permit system
- Agree set criteria for approval of special circumstances for groups
- Collaborate with student groups and other stakeholders throughout the process

#### Measures we are using to monitor our progress:

 Monitor criteria for qualification for 'Special Circumstances' permits to take into account additional needs that become apparent

# Evidence of progress that has been made:

- Permit system is in place and working
- Car parks have been marked and signed to suit parking categories

## Challenges that have been faced in progressing this key area:

- Remove level of expectation that we can accommodate all parking requirements
- Establish culture of collective responsibility to ensure the project succeeds

#### Further action we intend to take:

- Undertake regular monitoring to measure effectiveness
- Undertake regular checks to ensure compliance
- Gather feedback to inform development of the scheme
- Roll out scheme to other locations