



## Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the Promotion of the Prevention of Limb Loss and of the Provision of Prosthetic, Orthotic, Wheelchair/Special Seating, Medical and other vital Rehabilitation Services to persons of all ages suffering Limb Loss and associated Complex Physical Disabilities in the United Kingdom and Internationally

# NEW TECHNICIANS FOUNDATION DEGREE IN CLINICAL TECHNOLOGY

for Prosthetics, Orthotics, Special Seating and other Assistive Technologies

Minister of State for Universities and Science **David Willetts MP** says: *"I welcome this new and innovative Foundation Degree course in Clinical Technology at the London South Bank University, helping to build on initiatives between Education and Health. As we strive to meet the current and future workforce challenges and priorities, I am confident that through continued collaboration we will raise still further the present high standards of skills and extend their outreach".*



Secretary of State for Health **Andrew Lansley CBE MP** says: *"I welcome this*



*excellent initiative, which provides our vital Clinical Technicians with further opportunities to improve patient outcomes. The DH workforce modernisation strategy encourages such advances. I wish all concerned every success in helping to keep people with limb loss and other complex physical disabilities mobile, dextrous and living as independently as possible."*

**Justine Greening MP** for Putney, Roehampton and Southfields says: ***“I join in***



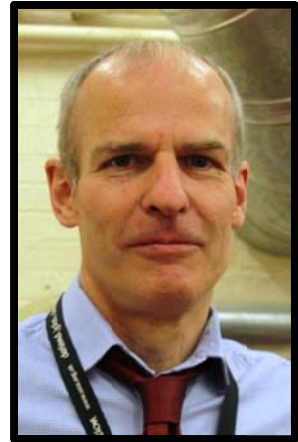
***welcoming this new Foundation Degree. I know from the excellent services in my constituency, at the Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability and at the Roehampton Douglas Bader Rehabilitation Centre with their excellent Apprenticeships, that skills and initiatives and outreaches through Employers in Clinical Technology are vital to securing the highest possible Quality of Life for individuals of all ages with limb loss and other complex physical disabilities.”***

London South Bank University’s (LSBU) Faculty of Engineering, Science and the Built Environment have announced the launch of a new Foundation Degree in Clinical Technology to start in September 2011.

The validated two-year course, which has been designed by LSBU in close partnership with the NHS, industry and stakeholder representatives, and has been developed to support technical and support staff who are already employed within the rehabilitation and re-ablement sector, including specialist services such as prosthetics, orthotics, and special seating.

Students will be able to broaden and extend the experience they have already gained in the work place through four main core subject areas – mechanics, materials, manufacturing and design, and clinical rehabilitation. Students will also learn how to utilise the latest innovative technologies, and students can only be accepted onto the course if they are able to undergo work-based learning.

Dr. Geoff Goss LSBU Course Director said: ***“There is a clearly recognised need for this course with an industry skills gap set against a growing demand for these specialised services due in part to the dramatic rise in diabetes and an increasingly aging population”*** then adding ***“Technicians will be able to take back practical skills and knowledge to their workplace, including making the most of the latest technologies and materials, which will not only further their own professional development but also benefit their employers and most importantly their patients too.”***



To find out more about the LSBU or to order a course information booklet, please contact Dr. Geoff Goss at [gossga@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:gossga@lsbu.ac.uk).

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