

EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Are you unknowingly turning away people from your event due to lack of accessibility? Are you aware of your legal responsibility to think ahead about access and put reasonable adjustments in place?

As well as the universal design of an event, businesses need to have a budget for any access requirements that maybe needed by disabled attendees. You must remember to book them in advance of your event. This guide will remind you of some of the support provisions you can put in place to make your event as inclusive as possible.

The Law:

Disability Discrimination Act 1995 - requires that disabled people should not be disadvantaged in accessing information or services. The Act requires education and service providers to anticipate potential barriers and make reasonable adjustments to eliminate them. The act covers all information and services, including those provided during an event.

Equality Act 2010 - Employers and organisations have a responsibility to make sure that have access to jobs, education and services as easily as non-disabled people. This is known as the 'duty to make reasonable adjustments'.



Communication Support

Interpreters

There are two types of interpreters.

A British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter for someone who is deaf.

Another interpreter are for those individuals who may have English as a second language.

Palantypist/ Speech to Text Reporter

A palantypist uses a specialist keyboard to transcribe word for word what is being said at a meeting or event which is displayed using a projector screen in real time and the deaf person can see it.

This will benefit a deaf person and will also benefit someone who has English as a second language.

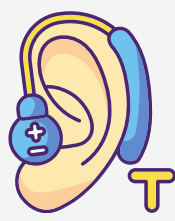
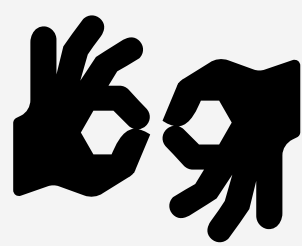
Hearing Loop

This is a special sound system for use by people with hearing aids. Some meeting and event venues have hearing loop system installed.

Visually impaired blind

Any written material have available in alternative formats e.g. braille, large print or audio

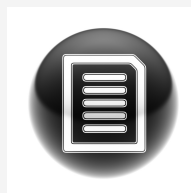
Involve disabled people at the planning stage of your event and include a budget to cater for any access requirements that maybe needed by the disabled person.



Disabled parking can benefit those with physical impairments such as wheelchair users and those with hidden impairments such as Autism. It can also benefit elderly people.



Accessible toilets can benefit those with a range of different impairments such as wheelchair users and those with hidden impairments.



Notetakers can benefit people who have difficulty with writing, using their hands or have English as a second language.



PA support can benefit those with mobility impairments e.g. wheelchair users or those on crutches.

Access My Events is a unique business designed to give disabled people an opportunity to attend events that are accessible in the UK. If you are an individual or business that hosts events and are interested in attracting more disabled to attend, please get in touch by emailing Zubee@accessmyevents.co.uk or contacting me via Access My Events | Facebook or on Twitter @AccessMyEvents