



Members wanted for Sheffield City Trust Disability Inclusion Steering group

Disability Sheffield and Sheffield City Trust (SCT) are looking for disabled people to be part of a steering group to support more people with disabilities to get active at SCT leisure venues. We are looking for individuals who are interested in developing a better experience for disabled people using leisure services and offer critical feedback with practical solutions.

This is an exciting opportunity to get involved and contribute to something that could have both local and national implications for people's health and wellbeing!

We are keen to support our communities recover from the effects of COVID-19, and you can help to ensure that disabled people are at the heart of this. We are working together to put disabled people in a better position to shape and influence future services and facilities.

As a member of the group you will receive a free and full membership to SCT venues and activities, which includes the gym, classes and swimming.

The steering group

The steering group is made up of disabled people or people with long term health needs, Disability Sheffield and SCT management. The group uses their expertise and knowledge to guide SCT with clear and concise guidance on how it can be more inclusive for disabled people in its policies, processes and programmes. This is a service which needs to be inclusive of a wide range of needs and your input will create a better service.

The group has been able to set up a new webpage on SCT website especially for people with disabilities, supported new employment practices to encourage more disabled people into employment with SCT, and has driven a number of small but impactful practical changes to the way venues are run and set out. The group also continues to influence the culture of SCT by providing lived experience and real life examples of how it can be more empathetic towards people with disabilities.

The time commitments for this steering group will be decided on by successful applicants. Please note this is flexible to individual circumstances. Ideally steering group members attend a meeting once every 3 months, and provide brief email or phone feedback in between meetings. However we do recognise that this is not

always possible and look to work with people to provide whatever is possible for them.

The steering group role:

- Identify how to better involve disabled people in a way that is realistic and practical for SCT, yet highly impactful for disabled people
- Identify priorities, assess impact and drive change
- Hold SCT to account for delivering this implementation plan
- Inform and influence SCT equality statements and policies
- Help SCT share best practice amongst partners, other trusts and beyond
- Highlight and feedback issues that are beyond the remit of the steering group to relevant bodies

Reporting

- Steering group will report to SCT Trust Board
- Steering group is not directly accountable to any other body
- Steering group will feedback progress to all who have taken part in associated work – e.g. disabled people

Skills, knowledge and experience

- Lived experience of disabilities or people with long term health needs
- Interest in physical activity/leisure/entertainment sector
- Passion for inclusivity
- Expertise in, and experience of developing user/person-led initiatives and change is advantages
- Willingness to, and experience of, working with people who have different experiences and views to deliver collaborative change

As a member you will

Have access to a number of benefits (dependent upon personal needs and preferences) to include:

- Free / discounted membership to SCT venues
- Free access to SCT activities including swimming, ice skating and others
- Free lifeCARD including member discounts on SCT activities and food
- Tickets to selected shows at Sheffield Arena and City Hall
- Partner vouchers where applicable
- Refreshments at face to face meetings

Interested in joining the steering group?

If you are interested in getting involved and joining the steering group please contact:
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