

Making Sheffield Accessible

“ Fairness Commission, Sheffield Council is pleased to support this new joint project to develop an access guide and card for the city.

This will support the ambitions of Sheffield to become an accessible and fairer city for all who live, work, study and visit.

This project will help to enable people to build independence and promote greater choice and wellbeing. Information and advice is vital to enable disabled people, carers and families to make well informed choices about their lives.

Equally, inclusive information is an integral part of tourism. Disabled people nationwide are accountable for an £80bn annual spend, so promoting accessibility is also part of us building a vibrant economy for the city and ensuring that all of the city's attractions are promoted and well used.

In Sheffield we have over 103,000 people (that's one fifth of all people in the city) who have a disability or long term health condition and this rises to half of all people over 65.

We also have 57,000 carers in the city. So breaking down the barriers people face to accessing their community, civil life, leisure opportunities, employment and education makes financial as well as social sense.

A more accessible city is great for everyone who lives in or visits Sheffield. ”

Cllr Mazher Iqbal

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Equalities

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Providing
independence
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Disability Sheffield

Disability Sheffield is a user led organisation, run and controlled by disabled people. We promote independent living for disabled people in Sheffield.

By independent living we mean that disabled people have the same freedom and rights to exercise choice and control over their own lives as any other person. We have been promoting independent living for disabled people in Sheffield since 2003.

Disability Sheffield works with and encourages disabled people to take control over their lives and achieve full participation in society – at home, at work and in the community.

We aim to deliver responsive, high quality and professional services and projects that meet needs identified by disabled people to support independent living.

Disability Sheffield will be providing additional support and guidance to venues and businesses across Sheffield who would like to make their services more accessible for disabled people.

This will include the opportunity for organisations to have a more detailed access audit and the change to work towards the **CredAbility** Quality Assurance Mark.

DisabledGo

Founded in 2000, **DisabledGo** is committed to providing independence and choice to disabled people, their friends, family and carers.

By providing detailed access information from a pan-disability perspective, **DisabledGo** is able to empower disabled people to confidently be a part of their local community and not apart from it.

There are detailed guides to over 125,000 public venues and services all over the UK.

Every guide featured on **DisabledGo** is visited and assessed in person by a trained DisabledGo surveyor asking questions designed by disabled people, for disabled people.

As part of the *Accessible Sheffield* project, **DisabledGo** will be providing access guides to 1,000 venues across Sheffield. All the information collected will be available online throughout 2015.

DisabledGo recognise that the power of knowing a particular venue is suited to your individual needs before leaving home cannot be underestimated.

The Access Card

This is a new type of discount card for disabled people rolling out across the UK. It is only available to disabled people who meet the definition as laid out in the Equality Act.

Each symbol on the card will help businesses and organisations provide the card holder with the support they need to access their service.

We're looking for as many providers as possible to share offers and discounts with our card holders.

The card also links to our quality assurance system **CredAbility**.



A **CredAbility** approval shows that a business or organisation is a provider of choice for Access Card holders.