

Accessible Outdoors: Outdoor access for disabled people

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Workshop preferences: please tick the 2 workshops of your choice

Creating the right environment: the participation of people with learning disabilities in the experience of public open space

From paths to podcasts

Good practice in site management for a range of impairments

A copy of the conference proceedings publication is also included in the price

More information about the event/ venue will be sent to you prior to the event.

Cancellations: Refunds (less 25% cancellation fee) will only be made for written cancellations received before 12th May 2010

Please complete and return the form by post, fax or alternatively email your details to the address below:

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Countryside Recreation Network



Countryside for All

A partnership event between the Countryside Recreation Network & the Countryside for All Forum

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Wednesday 26 May 2010

Centre in the Park at Norfolk Heritage Park, Sheffield

Aims of the event

- To exchange good practice in improving access and information regarding outdoor recreation for disabled people;
- To identify priority issues and areas of work to be taken forward over the next few years.

Target Audience

This event is aimed at government agency, local authority and NGO staff and volunteers involved in developing and promoting outdoor access for all, with particular reference to disabled people.

Chair of the event

Robin Helby, Disabled Ramblers

**There are 50 places available on this seminar
Delegate fee: £150**

**For CMA members, this event attracts
10 Continued Professional Development (CPD) points**

Background

Outdoor recreation organisations have been working for many years to improve access to their sites and pathways for disabled people. There is no doubt that guidance developed through initiatives such as the *Countryside for All Standards* and *By All Reasonable Means* have led to real improvements in access to the outdoors for disabled people. In recent years a further impetus for improving access has come about following the implementation of the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, which imposed duties on organisations to promote equality for disabled people in terms of employment and service delivery. However much more remains to be done, particularly in terms of addressing the full range of disabilities and in providing better information regarding access availability and condition.

Workshops

There will be 3 rotating workshop sessions. Delegates will participate in 2. Each workshop is to be introduced by a short (20 minutes) good practice presentation from workshop facilitators explaining how they have tackled issues related to their project. Each workshop is to nominate a rapporteur to feedback to the whole event in the afternoon (totaling 6 report-backs). Each rapporteur is to report on 1.) two examples of innovative good practice arising from the project and 2.) two significant issues, challenges, opportunities to be addressed and taken forward by outdoor recreation providers/agencies over the coming years.

It is hoped that the workshops will stimulate innovative ideas and ways of thinking to raise awareness of and participation in outdoor recreation activities by disabled people. The workshops will address barriers faced by people with all forms of impairment including physical and sensory, learning difficulties and mental health issues.

Workshop topics

- 1. Creating the right environment: the participation of people with learning disabilities in the experience of public open space.** Alice Mathers, The University of Sheffield
- 2. From paths to podcasts.** Tony Crosby, Heritage Lottery Fund
- 3. Good practice in site management for a range of impairments.** Phil Chambers, CEM Ltd

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Draft Programme

- 09:30 *Registration and refreshments*
- 10:00 **Introduction & welcome from Chair**
- 10:10 **Where we are now?**
A personal reflection on how outdoor recreation for disabled people has changed over the past decade or two and what the priorities for the future should be
Claudia Booth, Natural England
- 10:30 **Outdoors for All: creating inclusive outdoor environments**
A review of progress and priorities for the future
Helen MacVicker, Natural England
- 10:50 **Good practice in information provision**
To review key issues that need to be addressed, drawing upon the speakers knowledge and opinions, illustrated with recent good practice approaches to improving access/info
Lynsey Robinson, Sensory Trust
- 11:10 **Q&A session with morning speakers**
- 11:30 *Refreshments*
- 11:45 **Workshop Session 1**
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 13:45 **Understanding path attributes**
Summary of research into peoples' understanding of information about the physical attributes of paths and what sort of information they find useful.
Fiona Cuninghame, Scottish Natural Heritage
- Q&A**
- 14:15 **Workshop Session 2**
Tea & coffee will be available during this session
- 15:30 **Feedback from workshops**
- 16:00 **Summary & close**