

# How live music events are including disabled people in sustainability initiatives



Easy read booklet



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# words

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**Bold** words are thicker and darker. We will explain what they mean in a box like this.



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# Who we are

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is everything

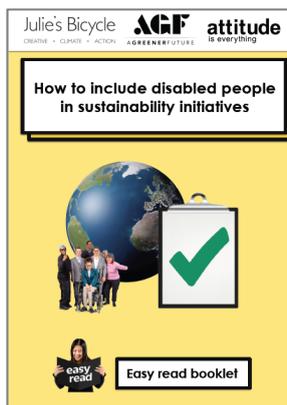
We are a charity called **attitude is everything.**



We make sure disabled people can enjoy and take part in **live music events.**



**Live music events** are places where music is played, like festivals or concerts. In this booklet we call them events.



Last year we wrote a booklet called **How to include disabled people in sustainability initiatives.**

# Sustainability initiatives



**Sustainability initiatives** are decisions you make to help you be more **sustainable**.



Lots of events make **sustainability initiatives**.



**Sustainable** means something is good for **the environment** because it can be used for a long time.



**The environment** is everything around us including the air, water, plants and animals.

# Our Easy Read booklet called

How to include disabled people in sustainability initiatives



The booklet we wrote last year was made to help organisations who run events.



It tells you why it's hard for disabled people to take part in sustainability initiatives.



It also tells organisations who run events what changes they can make to help disabled people take part in their sustainability initiatives.



We need to include disabled people when we talk about how to be more sustainable.



Many organisations who run events are already making good changes to include disabled people.



We talk about some of these organisations in the booklet we wrote last year.



You should read the booklet we wrote last year before you read the rest of this one.



Click here to read it

[How to include disabled people in sustainability initiatives](#)

# This Easy Read booklet



This booklet tells you the changes events have made since sharing the booklet we wrote last year.



It talks about how they are fixing the problems that stop disabled people from taking part in sustainability initiatives.

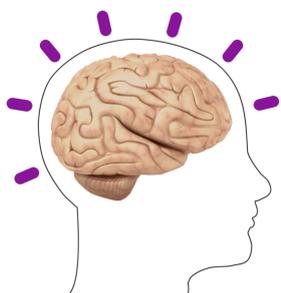
These problems include

1. food and water at events.
2. travel to events.
3. **accessible facilities** at events.
4. how information is shared about events.



**Accessible facilities** means anything made for a disabled person, like toilets or hoists.

# Problems with food and water



Disabled people said

- many water stations are far away, and the ground near them is often wet and muddy.
- the taps at water stations are hard to use and are not low enough for people who use a wheelchair.
- **Organic food** that has no plastic packaging often costs more money.

**Organic food** is food grown without using chemicals.

- events that do not sell food with meat or fish can be hard for people who are **neurodivergent** or cannot eat certain food.

**Neurodivergent** means your brain works in a different way from other people and this affects your life.

# Changes that have been made



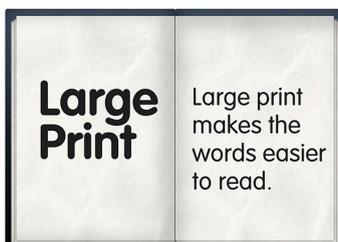
A company that helps run events called **DF Concerts and Events** have made a great change.



They make sure disabled people have their own water stations at the events they plan.



These water stations are lower than others and the ground near them is kept dry.



**TRNSMT festival** now print all their food menus in large print. This is great for people who cannot see very well.



Some events let disabled people bring in their own food and drink.



These drinks have to be in plastic bottles that can be thrown away.



They also need to take the lids off these bottles for safety which makes them easier to spill.

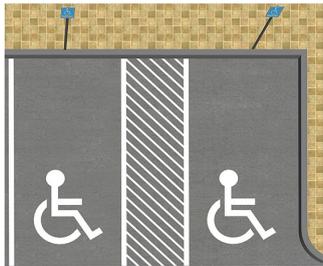


It can be hard for some disabled people to hold bottles for a long time.



We think organisations that run events should let disabled people bring in something like a water bag instead of a bottle.

# Problems with travel



Disabled people said

- bus and train stops can be far away from events.
- they often need to drive and park close to the event because of **accessible equipment**.

**Accessible equipment** helps you get around or to a task. This includes wheelchairs, walking frames and hoists.

- it can be hard to get on buses and trains with accessible equipment.
- buses and trains can be too loud and busy for people who are neurodivergent.
- they cannot use electric wheelchairs on most buses.

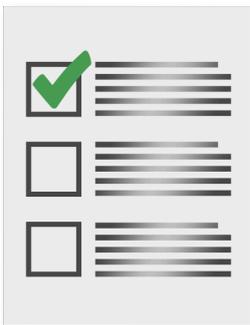
# Changes that have been made



In the booklet we wrote last year we told organisations about the changes they can make to help fix problems with travel.



For example, they could offer buses that are quieter and less busy or buses that people with electric wheelchairs can use.



Many festivals have made good changes like these.



Many festivals have told us that more disabled people feel confident travelling to them.

# Problems with accessible facilities



Disabled people said

- many **viewing platforms** do not have bins for rubbish.



**Viewing platforms** are spaces for disabled people to enjoy live music. They are big enough for wheelchairs.



- they need to use plastics and materials that cannot be recycled or used more than once.



- they have to use accessible equipment like mobility scooters and hoists that need lots of electricity.



- **compost toilets** are sometimes not clean enough or easy to use.

**Compost toilets** do not use water to flush.

# Changes that have been made



Many festivals told us they make their own accessible facilities as they often cannot buy them.



**Shambala festival** have planted a herb garden with herbs like sage and lavender that smell nice.



This garden is a quiet area that people can use to relax and feel calm.



Some festivals have bags filled with sensory toys that people can borrow and play with.



Festivals told us that more people with **access needs** go to their festivals.



**Access needs** are anything you need to take part in everyday life. For example, Braille, ramps for a wheelchair, or a BSL interpreter.



Festivals also told us that more people in the last 5 years use **CPAP machines**.



**CPAP machines** help you breathe at night by pushing air through your nose.



Many festivals said it's easy to charge things at night that need electricity, like CPAP machines.

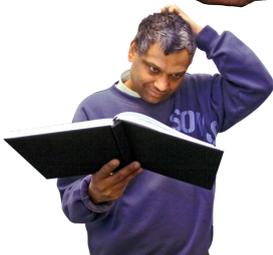
# Problems with sharing information



Disabled people said there are some problems with how events share information about sustainability and **accessibility**.



**Accessibility** means how easy it's to do something. Information about accessibility lets people know how they can take part.



Information about sustainability and accessibility can be

- hard to find on a website.
- shared too late to be helpful.
- hard to read and understand.

# Changes that have been made



**Cheltenham Festivals** told us they work with experts who know lots about sustainability and accessibility.



They walk around their festivals with these experts so they can find out what changes they need to make.



They do this before the festivals happen.

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They also work with **Visit Gloucestershire** and **Visit Cheltenham** to give people information about their festivals.

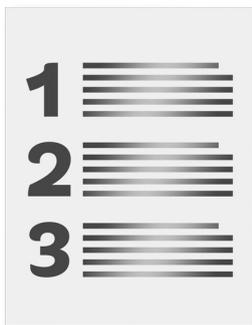
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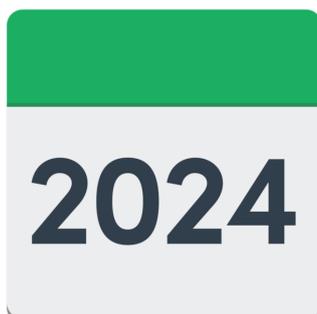
A **case study** is when you look closely at how well something works.

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14-17 AUGUST  
**FORWARDS**

In the booklet we wrote last year we looked closely at **Forwards Festival** and **Green Man Festival**.



We told you what they are doing to be more sustainable and accessible.



The next page tells you about the work these festivals have done in the last year.

# Forwards Festival



In the last year **Forwards Festival** have changed the water taps in some water stations and toilets.



They now use water taps that go up and down instead of taps that twist.



They also have compost toilets for people who use a wheelchair. They are bigger and they have handrails and more lights.



They now give people water in cans instead of plastic bottles. The ring pulls on the cans are hard for some people to use.



In the next few years **Forwards Festival** want to make more good changes.



They want to look at the ways they get rid of rubbish and how they can make them more accessible.



For example, making bins lower for people who use a wheelchair. Or making signs to bins clearer.



They know more people bring their own food into the festival.



They want to think about how they can keep people with food allergies safe.



They want to tell more people about the work they are doing to be more accessible.

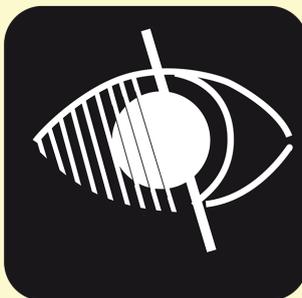
# Green Man Festival



In the last year **Green Man Festival** have made the ways they get rid of rubbish more accessible.



They have stuck pieces of rubbish to the front of their bins to show what types of rubbish go in them.



This great idea helps people with learning disabilities and people who are blind.



**Green Man Festival** also now use taps that turn off after 15 seconds.



These taps are easier for disabled people to use but they do use more water.



**Green Man festival** also talked to us about some problems they have.



They said it's hard to find companies close to them that sell accessible toilets.



This means they use companies further away that have to travel a long way to take the accessible toilets to the festival.



They want our help to talk to companies about how important accessible toilets are.

# What you can do next



It's important to make choices that are sustainable and accessible for everyone.



Your team who plan sustainability initiatives should work with your team who make sure your events are accessible.



Talk to disabled people and ask them what they think about your sustainability initiatives.



Talk to other organisations that run live music events and ask for their help and advice.

**Thank you for reading this booklet**

Julie's Bicycle

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