

Access all Areas
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Workshop: Disability Audits of Libraries - Information sources

Audits

1. **Access audit tool** for visually impaired customers – search under resources and publications

<http://www.mlayorkshire.org.uk/webdav/harmonise>

2. **Access for All Self assessment toolkit**

http://www.mla.gov.uk/policy/Inclusion/MLA_Activity_on_Social_Inclusion

Disability Portfolio -12 guides including Audits, Accessible Environments and Access on a shoestring

Delivering library services to disabled people - an on-line training module – particularly module 8 – developing your access policies and plans

http://www.mla.gov.uk/policy/Diversity/Disability_Portfolio

3. **Access audit toolkit**

Relating to NHS properties but can be useful for libraries

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH>

Buildings

4. **Code of Practice – Rights of Access: services to the public, public authority functions, private clubs and premises**

The Disability Rights Commission (DRC) wrote this Code of Practice on Part 3 (and related housing provisions) of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The Code is a revision of the consultative draft Code published by the DRC in August 2005 to take account of further duties introduced in the DDA 2005. The Stationery Office, 2006 (ISBN 0 11 703695 1) Price £15.00

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publicationsandresources/Disability/Pages/Services.aspx>

5. **Centre for Accessible Environments** publications concerning accessible buildings. This centre trains access auditors (mainly architects) concentrating on the built environment

http://www.cae.org.uk/publications_list.html

6. **Approved Document M: Access to and use of buildings 2004 edition**

The Approved Document M offers guidance to help meet the duties under Part M of the Building Regulations.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, The Stationery Office, 2004. £15.00 or download (free) from

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115314110382.html>

7. **BS 8300:2001 Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people**

BS 8300:2001 provides guidance on good practice in the design of domestic and non-domestic buildings and their approaches so that they are convenient to use by disabled people. The recommendations relate not only to the elements of construction and accommodation, which are common to different types of buildings, but also to those that are specific to building types. It applies to car parking provisions, setting down points and garages, access routes to and around all buildings, and entrances to and interiors of new buildings. Routes to recreational facilities associated with and in the immediate vicinity of buildings, such as patios, and seating and picnic areas, are also covered.

<http://www.bsi-global.com/en/Standards-and-Publications/Industry-Sectors/Building-and-Construction/BC-standards/BS-83002001/>

8. **Sign Design Guide – a guide to inclusive signage**

Signage has a significant role to play in ensuring that the built environment is accessible to everyone. The *Sign Design Guide* provides comprehensive guidance on the specification, implementation of accessible signage.

Peter Barker and June Fraser, JMU and the Sign Design Society, 2000 (ISBN 185878 412 3) Price £20.00

<http://www.signdesignsociety.co.uk>

9. **RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf and hard of hearing People)**

Free downloadable fact sheets about communicating with Deaf and hard of hearing people

http://www.rnid.org.uk/information_resources/factsheets/

Print

10. **RNIB (Royal National Institute for Blind People)**

Clear print guidelines and see it right campaigns

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/xpedio/groups/public/documents/code/InternetHome.hcsp>

11. **Plain English Campaign**

Free downloadable fact sheets

<http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/>

12. **British Dyslexia Institute**

Dyslexia Style Guide downloadable free at

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/extra352.html>.

Internet

13. **Worldwide web Consortium**

Best practice to improve accessibility of web based information

<http://www.w3.org/>

14. **Bobby**

To check the accessibility of web pages. Free service provided by the Centre for Applied Special Technology

www.cast.org/bobby

15. **Abilitynet**

Free downloadable fact sheets about PC accessibility

<http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/athome>

16. **Jakob Nielsen** – interesting web page – research on how people use the web – very relevant for disabled people particularly print disabled people

<http://www.useit.com/alertbox/percent-text-read.html>

Disability Issues

17. **Equality and human rights commission**

Under publications – lots of information about disability including Disability Equality Duty – look under ex DRC websites

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/Pages/default.aspx> -

Communication

18. Typetalk – a telephone relay system to communicate with people who use textphones

<http://www.rnid-typetalk.org.uk/>