

Everybody Welcome

Supporting a more inclusive and accessible region

Webinar 3: 27th June 2023

Marketing Your Accessibility





Local Visitor Economy Partnership



Access & Inclusion UK



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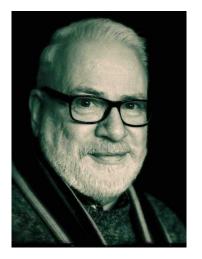


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Hello!





Access & Inclusion UK

Making everybody welcome

Chris Veitch

Jane Cooper



Everybody Welcome

- New business improvement initiative across Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside
- FREE programme, funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority
- Extended across the region as part of the DDP programme
- Support businesses to provide excellent:
 - information
 - facilities
 - services

for visitors with accessibility requirements





Everybody Welcome

• Three FREE, 1 hour, online webinars:

Introduction to Accessible Tourism Understanding Access Needs Marketing Your Accessibility

- FREE access to the WelcoME App
 - digital platform to support businesses and customers
- FREE 360 degree filming for selected businesses
 - to support marketing and visit planning
- Social media and marketing campaign to raise awareness and drive visits

Welcome



Objectives:

By the end of today's workshop you will have:

- Had a quick reminder of the topics in webinars 1 & 2
- Understood the importance of marketing the accessibility of your business
- Learned about VisitEngland Accessibility Guides and how to create a free guide for your business
- Learned some Top Tips for marketing your accessibility







Ground Rules





Recap:

Webinar 1: Introduction to accessible tourism

Welcome



Webinar 2: Understanding Accessibility Requirements









Gary

Stephanie

Hannah & Alex Brian

Available now on the NGI Youtube Channel!

Megan



Marketing Your Accessibility





What is a visit like for us?













Select target Gather intelligence

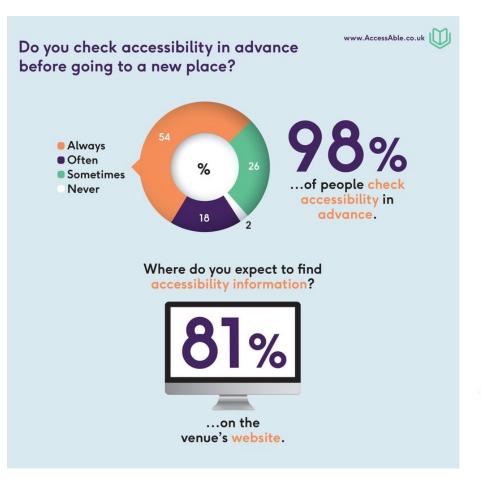




- 91% of disabled people will try to find accessibility information about a place before they visit
- 58% will assume that you are inaccessible if they can't find accessibility information













"Accurate information gives you the power of choice which we don't have at the moment"

Information needs to be:

In a specific '**Access information**' section as well as throughout the website

Accessible

Easy to find

With information in a number of accessible formats

Reliable

With an indication of who or what organization is providing the information

Accurate

So there are no nasty surprises on arrival

Up to date

With a clear indication which season/year the data refers to and when the information was last updated





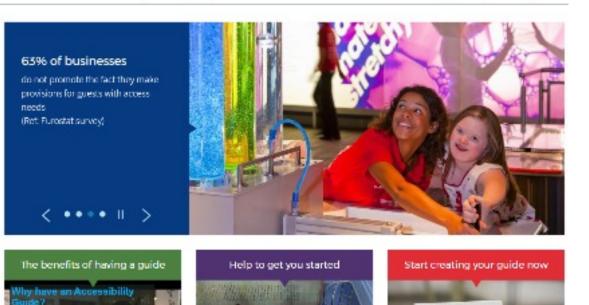
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Accessibility Guides

The official site to create and publish your guide

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What?

- Provides important accessibility information about a venue
- Enables informed choices
- 'Pan-disability' not just wheelchair-users
- Replaces Access Statements new format

Why?

- Helps you appraise your accessibility legal obligation
- Provides essential information for people with access needs
- Marketing opportunity
- Minimum requirement of V.E. National Quality Assessment Schemes
- Access statements were longer, harder to compare and hard to find info





How?

- Free website provided by VisitEngland and VisitScotland
- Questionnaire on your venue's accessibility
- Upload photos
- Add in additional information
- Gives you a unique URL changes updated automatically
- Use old Access Statement tool to help you









Three main steps:

Prepare

Review:

- Example Guides
- F.A.Q's
- Photography Guide
- Measurement Guide
- Map & video Guide
- Top Tips
- Dig out your old
 Access Statement



Produce

- Answer a series of questions on your accessibility
- Upload photos, maps
 or videos
- · Add any other useful info
- Review your guide
- Publish



Promote

- Make your guide widely available and visible
- Add your unique URL to your website
- Share on social media



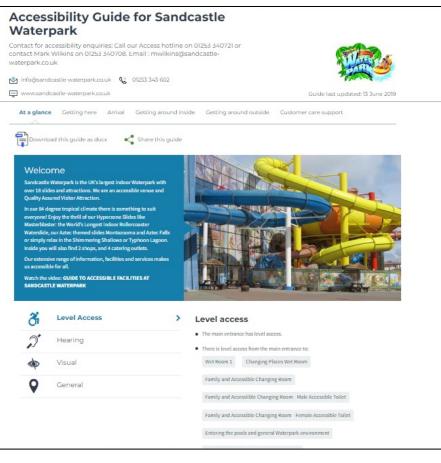
Getting Started

- 1. Visit the Accessibility Guides website www.accessibilityguides.org/
- 2. Click on 'Start Creating Your Guide Now'
- 3. Click on 'Produce Your Guide'
- 4. Register or Log In
- 5. Off you go!





Your completed Guide:





In more detail





In more detail

Welcome

Sandcastle Waterpark is the UK's largest indoor Waterpark with over 18 slides and attractions. We are an accessible venue and Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.

In our 84 degree tropical climate there is something to suit everyone! Enjoy the thrill of our Hyperzone Slides like Masterblaster: the World's Longest Indoor Rollercoaster Waterslide, our Aztec themed slides Montazooma and Aztec Falls or simply relax in the Shimmering Shallows or Typhoon Lagoon. Inside you will also find 2 shops, and 4 catering outlets.

Our extensive range of information, facilities and services makes us accessible for all.

Watch the video: GUIDE TO ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES AT SANDCASTLE WATERPARK



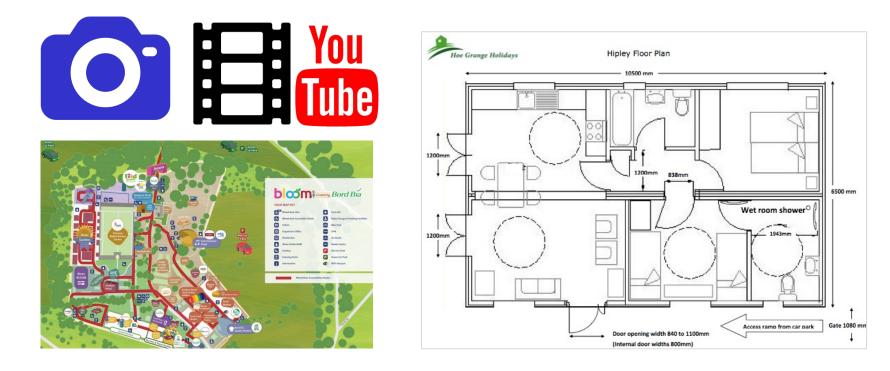


In more detail

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	Visual	Wet Room 1 Changing Places Wet Room	
0	General	Family and Accessible Changing Room	
		Family and Accessible Changing Room - Male Accessible Toilet	
		Family and Accessible Changing Room - Female Accessible Toilet	
		Entering the pools and general Waterpark environment	



Use Photos, Videos, Maps and Floorplans





Top Tips:

1. Be honest

Reflect your accessibility honestly to avoid misleading customers

2. Let the customer decide

Don't pre-judge who your venue is or is not suitable for

3. Follow the tips in the Accessibility Guide

Look for the 'i' symbol next to the questions to access help and guidance

KEEP CALM AND BE HONEST



Marketing Top Tips

- Provide an 'Access For All' tab on your website homepage and make sure your website is accessible (W3C / WCAAG)
- 2. Create an online Accessibility guide
- 3. Identify an Accessibility Champion
- 4. Produce an Access information leaflet / download (Remember alternative formats)
- 5. Write a Sensory Story





Marketing Top Tips

- 6. Create a 360 degree tour
- 7. Promote your accessibility on Social Media (and remember to use Alt Text for images)
- 8. Promote your offering to local user groups

9. List your venue with specialist publications / websites

10. Enter your venue in accessibility awards









VE Accessible and Inclusive Marketing Toolkit

- Introduction to inclusive marketing
- Inclusive communication hints and tips
- Marketing tools for inclusive promotion
- Ensuring digital accessibility
- Inclusive marketing channels
- Moving forward





Accessible & Inclusive Marketing Toolkit



This Accessible & Inclusive Marketing Tookkit explains the importance of inclusive terminology and disability representation, as well as providing hints and tips on creating accessibility guides and promoting your offer through specific marketing chamels. The Tookkit also includes case studies from tourism businesses throughout England.

The content in the toolkit was last updated in March 2022



Coming soon....!

NEW VisitEngland Accessible Tourism Toolkit for businesses!





Any questions?





The Way Forward





It can feel scary...





For venues: Uncertainty on how to ensure a warm welcome for all For us: Will it be okay?

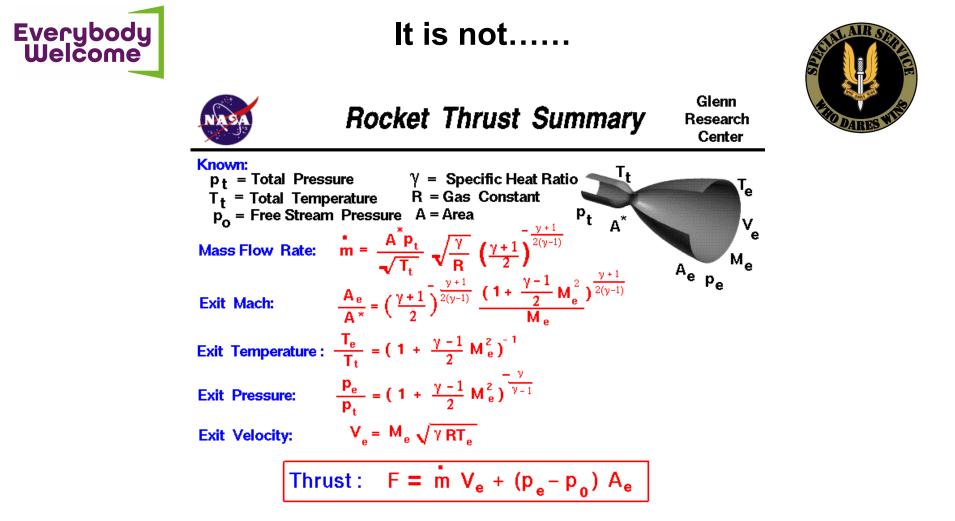


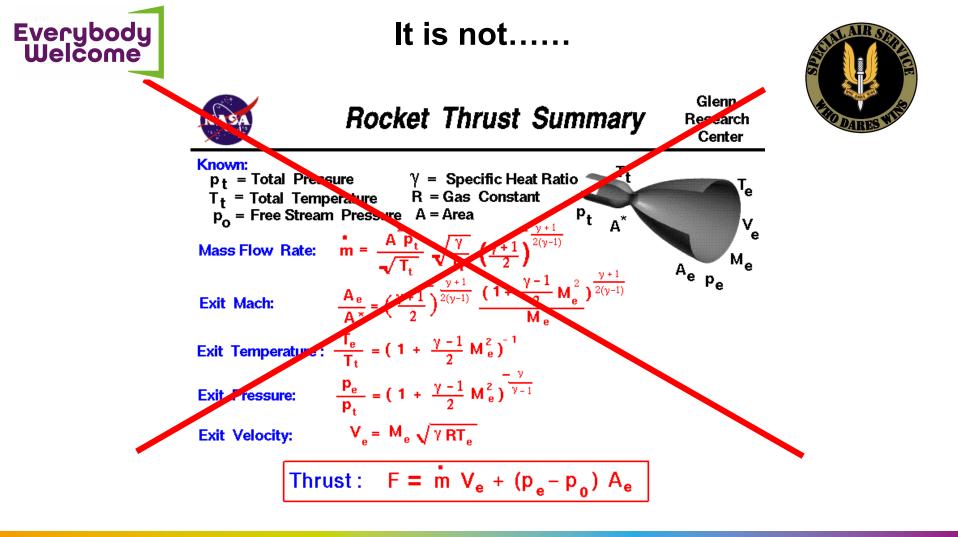
...But the rewards are huge!



For you: increased share of a £15.3 billion market

For us: treasured memories that will last a lifetime









Thoughtfulness...







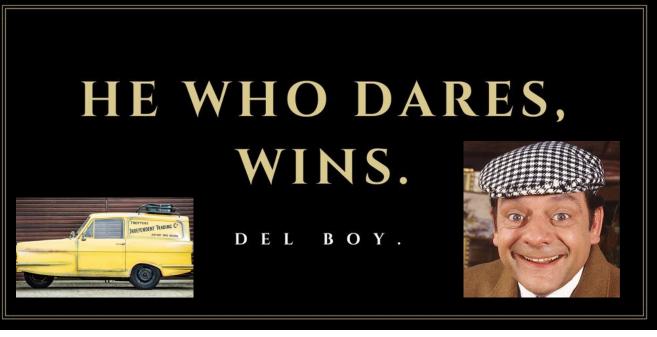
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And remember...











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