ACCESSIBILITY

Key messages from the NIN meeting on 06 March 2024

46 people attended the NIN meeting in Glasgow in March, to talk about 'Accessibility'. NIN members discussed what's important to them, the barriers they face, and what would make accessibility better. This is a summary of the key messages raised by members.

'Freedom! To be able to do what others do'

What's most important

Accessibility to NIN members means freedom, independence and equality. NIN members spoke about having truly accessible public transport and removing physical barriers. They also raised having the right communication methods for each person, and improving attitudes of employers, organisations and the public.

'I hate using my Zimmer and school kids making fun of me'

What are the barriers

The biggest barrier for NIN members is the design of buildings and public spaces, followed by the attitudes of the general public towards disabled people, a lack of fully trained support staff and inclusive communication.

Bigger buses for wheelchairs/prams'

What else would make accessibility better

Community access could be improved through shops, transport, restaurants and pavements being better equipped for disabled people with mobility issues. Information could be improved through accessible language and Easy Read. Communication could be improved by more Self-Advocacy, others treating people with respect and by training support staff and people in power on disability. Better funding for social care workers and equipment was also mentioned.

Snap Poll

We ran an online snap poll before the meeting. 15 people responded and this is what they told us.

How accessible do things feel for you?

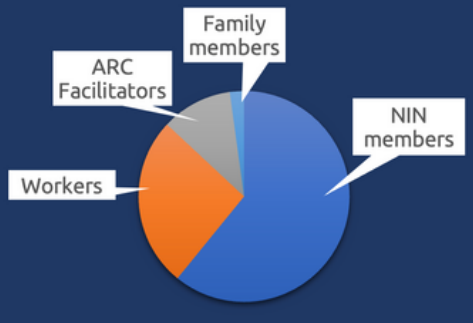
Half of respondents said that things don't feel fully accessible to them.

What would make things more accessible for you?

7 people asked for changes to public transport, for example more spaces on buses and trains, regular public transport and more changing places toilets. Others also asked for:

- 'Lifts that can accommodate wheelchairs, dropped kerbs, bigger spaces on buses'
- 'People listening to me and understanding my needs'

Who came to the NIN meeting



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