



Community Climate Plan

Bristol Disability Equality Forum 2021



Easy read booklet

Who we are and what we do



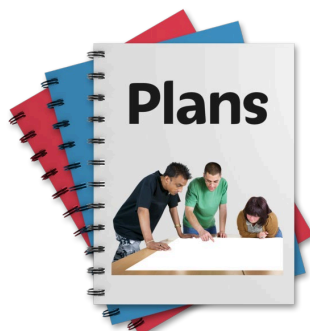
We are the **Bristol Disability Equality Forum**. We are a group of Deaf and Disabled people who work to help Deaf and Disabled people.



There will be big changes in Bristol soon to try to stop **climate change**. We want to make sure these changes are good for our planet and for Disabled people.



Climate change means how our planet's weather and temperature is changing because people use **dirty fuels** like oil and gas. This is causing lots of problems in Bristol and around the world.



In this booklet we tell you about our plan to help communities in Bristol use less dirty fuels and make lives better. We worked with Disabled people in Bristol to write this plan.

More about climate change



If climate change happens it might



- make water levels in the sea go up which might cause **floods**. **Floods** are when water from the sea or rivers damages homes and businesses



- make summers hotter which might make lots of people ill



- mean we have less rain in the summer, so we won't have much water to use.



Climate change would be bad for our food, health, homes, schools, businesses, communities and services.

Zac's story

Zac is a Disabled person who lives in Bristol. He is 30 years old.

He wants to help keep Bristol clean.

To do this he

- picks rubbish up off the streets and pavements
- teaches people how to **recycle**. To **recycle** means to change waste into something we can use again
- talks to companies to try to get them to stop using plastic
- helps at events about climate change.



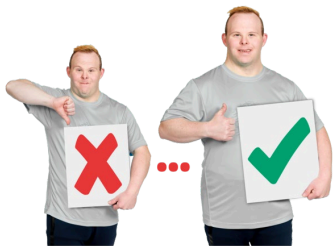
Our aims



Disabled people already face more **barriers** in their lives than other people. **Barriers** stop you doing things.



When changes are made to stop climate change it's important more barriers aren't made for disabled people.



We aim to

1. stop new barriers
2. remove barriers we already have that cause problems.



We need a lot of money and work to complete our aims. Disabled people can't do a lot of work but we can help make important changes.



We have 2 types of aim

1. City Owned Aims

2. Community Owned Aims



City Owned Aims are the changes we want others to make. This includes businesses and people in charge in Bristol and the UK.



We will support the City Owned Aims but we can't make them happen ourselves.



Community Owned Aims are the changes our group wants to make in Bristol.



We hope to run these projects, but we need support from everyone in Bristol to make them happen.

Beth's story

Beth is a Disabled person who lives in Bristol. She is 37 years old and uses Easy Read.

She wants to help nature and show people how to do things in a better way.

To do this she

- buys less things wrapped in plastic so she makes less waste
- teaches people about climate change
- has made a film about plastic and waste
- goes to events about climate change.



Transport



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Some Disabled people have to drive. Make changes so they can drive in a way that is better for our planet.

Ideas to do this include

- give money to Disabled people so they can buy cars that use good fuels
- let Blue Badge holders drive in bus lanes.



Aim: Make public transport more accessible.

Ideas to do this include

- have 2 wheelchair spaces on all buses and seats for people who need them
- make buses safe for wheelchairs
- train staff better.





Aim: Make pavements better so disabled people can walk or travel in their wheelchairs more.



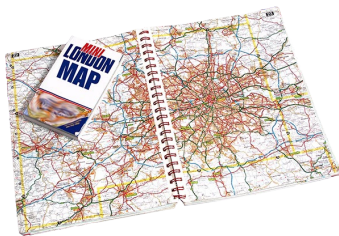
Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Make a new job called Disabled Transport Champion.

A Disabled Transport Champion would



- talk to people so they don't make transport inaccessible
- talk to businesses so they make public transport accessible
- train staff about accessibility.



Aim: Make a map of paths and roads that people in wheelchairs can use easily. Use it to make other roads and paths better for people in wheelchairs.



Aim: Make leaflets to put on cars that park in a bad way and block pavements.



Housing



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Make sure some new homes are wheelchair accessible and all new homes are **visitable**.



Visitable means the way in is flat, wheelchair users can move easily from the hall to the lounge and there is a downstairs toilet and sink.



Aim: Build homes in a way that makes them easy to change if a Disabled person wants to live there.



Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Get the support of the people in charge of housing and tell them what Disabled people need so they are more inclusive.



Energy



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Help Disabled people use better **energy** for their medical equipment and access needs.



Energy means gas and electricity.

Ideas to do this include

- give money to Disabled people so they can find and use good energy.

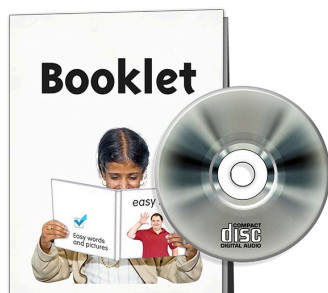


Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Make a new job called Energy Champion.

An Energy Champion would

- explain what disabled people need so businesses can be inclusive.
- give people information about how to get good energy.



Food



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Make changes so Disabled people can grow their own food.

Ideas to do this include

- make some **allotments** accessible
- give **window boxes** to Disabled people who haven't got a garden.



Allotments are small areas of land that you can rent to grow plants.

Window boxes are put on your windowsill and you can grow plants in them.



Aim: Disabled people sometimes need to buy food that is already peeled or chopped. Make the wrappers for these foods better so they can be used again.





Aim: Help Disabled people get food that is good for our planet.



Ideas to do this include

- share food that would go to waste
- have groups that help people who don't have enough food.



Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Explain what Disabled people need so they can be included more.



Aim: Make an accessible allotment in a place that Disabled people can easily get to. For example, at a supermarket or local doctors.



Aim: Give cookery lessons to Disabled people with food that is good for the planet.



Waste



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Make it cheaper to fix the equipment disabled people use.



Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Explain what Disabled people need so they can be included more.



Aim: Tell people about Disabled people's needs so they understand Disabled people more and the equipment they need to use.



Aim: Help Disabled people fix their own equipment so they don't have to buy new things.



Nature



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Make sure Disabled people can get to and use parks and other places with **nature**.

Nature includes plants, animals, and rivers.



Aim: Help Disabled people use places with nature that they already go to. For example, at home, a supermarket or a local doctors.



Aim: Clean Bristol's air. This will help people with breathing problems and stop others getting breathing problems.

Community Owned Aims include



Aim: Tell the council and people who own places with nature how to make them accessible. Ask Disabled people which places need to be more accessible.

Business, Jobs and Education



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Make sure Disabled people are involved in Bristol's plans to stop climate change.



Aim: Make sure Disabled people can get some of the jobs that help stop climate change.



Ideas to do this include

- work with organisations to make jobs accessible
- make sure Disabled people are treated fairly in interviews and jobs.



Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Explain what disabled people need so businesses can be inclusive.



Other



City Owned Aims include

Aim: Make sure the police, fire and ambulance services know about Disabled people's needs in an emergency and that they are helped quickly.



Aim: Make information and training accessible so Disabled people understand it and can be involved.



Understand

This might include

- Easy Read documents
- documents and websites that can be used with screen readers
- videos with BSL and subtitles.



Community Owned Aims include

Aim: Make sure our work on this plan gets people in other parts of the UK to make good changes for Disabled people.



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