



## Leeds for All International Day of Disabled People 2022

### Easy Read Report



**Not All Disabilities are Visible**



# Background



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

International Day of Disabled People happens every year around the world to celebrate the achievements of disabled people.



Leeds for All - International Day of Disabled People 2022 theme was Not All Disabilities are Visible.



A Marketplace celebration event was held on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at Leeds City Museum. A marketplace event is where people have stalls with information.



Organisations in Leeds also held grant funded activities. Grant funded means people were given money to run these activities.



The Leeds for All Working Group is made up of Leeds City Council, William Merritt Centre, Forum Central and charities.



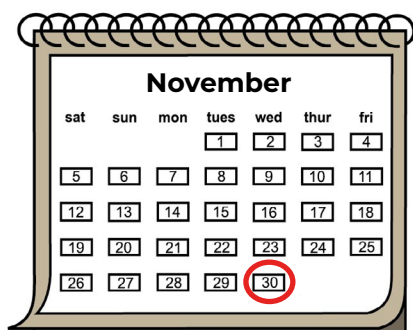
# Marketplace Event



We were happy to host the first face to face public marketplace event since 2019.



Forum Central members and charities working with disabled people, hosted over 20 stalls.



The marketplace was held on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at Leeds City Museum.



The Marketplace was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Bob Gettings.

# 300

Over 300 people attended the marketplace celebration.

# Grant Funded Activities

# £250



We were really happy to launch a small grants fund, £250 for each organisation. A small grant fund is a small amount of money that is given to organisations to put on an activity.

Organisations applied for money to hold workshops and events in December.

# 8

8 organisations took part in the small grants fund.



Organisations celebrated disabled people and what they have done for society and for the city of Leeds.



Organisations talked about the barriers disabled people face in taking part in society.

# Accessibility

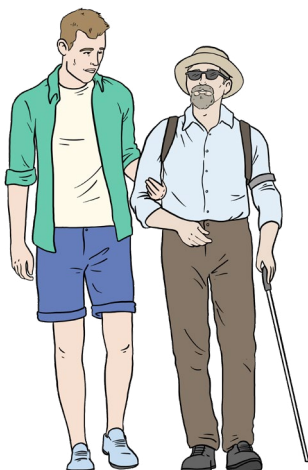


We wanted this event to be inclusive and accessible setting a good example for other public events and how they can be planned to allow them to be “for all”.

The Marketplace Networking Event was organised by disabled people, for disabled people.



We chose to hold the event at Leeds City Museum, to be as accessible as possible. It has ramps, lift access, disabled toilets and a changing places facility.



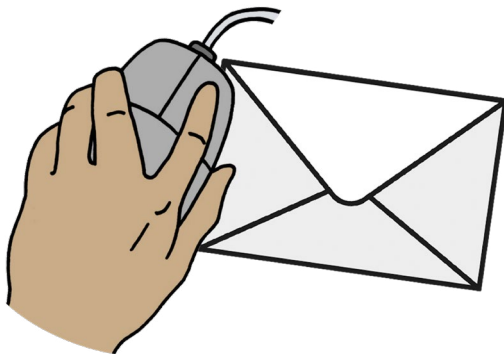
There were 2 Visual Guides at the event. A visual guide is someone who helps a person with a visual impairment, to move around or to and from a place. A visual impairment is where someone might have some sight loss or total sight loss.



There were 2 British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters present. A BSL interpreter can help deaf people talk to each other.



The Forum Central Team were at the event to help people. They wore high visibility jackets, so it was easy to find them.



A map of the room was sent to people, to show how to get to the event, how the room was laid out and where the exits were.

A map was also sent out to people, to show the area outside of the Museum. This showed where drop off points were for cars and taxis, ramps access and lower level access. Lower level access is where someone can get into a building without using steps.



We gave information packs to people at our event, who had a stall, that gave them information and advice, about how to communicate to people with visual impairments, hearing impairments and autistic people.



# Promotion



The event was promoted widely using email, websites and newsletters.



We also used social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to tell people about International Day of Disabled People 2022.



The Leeds For All working group helped to promote the event.



We also used posters to promote the event.

# Feedback

"Good range of organisations who are happy to talk about their work."

"The Leeds for All Market place event was lively and engaging. It was immensely helpful in connecting with a wide range of organisations, some known to me and others not, through informative conversations with staff and volunteers."

"I loved meeting new people"

"A wonderful event showcasing the services available to support disabled people in Leeds. The importance of these services is heightened by the cost-of-living crisis which is having a disproportionately negative impact for disabled people. Thank you to everybody involved organising, funding and taking part in the event."

"Get more organisations. We would love a stall next year please"

"More access for BSL, but grateful for the interpreter"

"Better refreshment and relaxation facilities or a different venue"



# Money and Support



Leeds City Council Safer and Stronger Community Team - Disability Hub and Forum Central gave £750 each towards the event.



£2000 was given by councillors. From Members Improvements in the Community and Environment monies (MICE)



Leeds City Museums let us use the Museum for free.

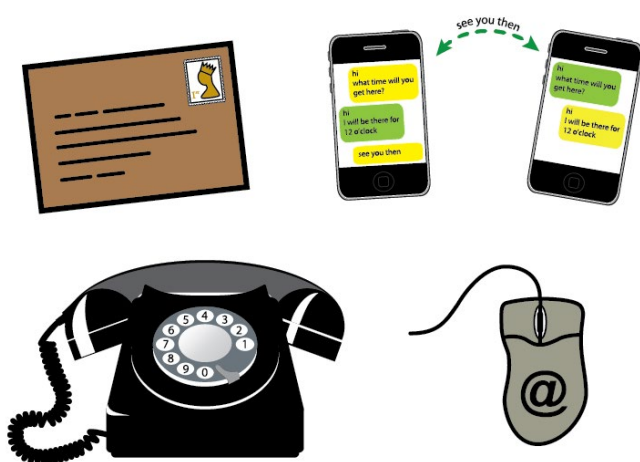


Lots of people also gave their time for free which was very kind and appreciated.

# Thank you



Thank you to everyone that came to the event. We hope to see you at the next International Day of Disabled People event in 2023.



To find out more about the event in 2023, you can:

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