



Deliver Inclusivity: Easy Wins for Event Organisers

Key Considerations for Indoor Events

- 1. Physical accessibility:** Indoor events may have barriers such as stairs, narrow doorways, or cramped spaces that make it difficult for individuals with mobility disabilities to move around. Ensuring that there are wide pathways and wheelchair ramps can help overcome these barriers.
- 2. Sensory sensitivity:** Indoor events can be loud and overwhelming, with loud music or noisy crowds. This can make it difficult for individuals with sensory sensitivities to participate. Providing quiet areas or sound-reducing headphones can help attendees with sensory sensitivities to better enjoy the event.
- 3. Lighting:** Indoor events may have uneven lighting that can make it difficult for individuals with vision impairments to navigate the space. Providing bright, even lighting can help attendees with vision impairments to move around safely.
- 4. Communication:** Indoor events can be noisy, making it difficult for individuals with hearing impairments to communicate with others. Providing sign language interpreters or CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) can help individuals with hearing impairments to fully participate.
- 5. Restrooms:** Indoor events may have restrooms that are difficult to navigate for individuals with mobility disabilities. Ensuring that there are accessible restrooms with grab bars and enough space for a wheelchair to manoeuvre can help overcome these barriers.
- 6. Seating:** Indoor events may have seating arrangements that do not accommodate individuals with mobility or sensory disabilities. Providing a variety of seating options, including high tables, low tables, and comfortable seating can help accommodate attendees' different needs.

Accessible Seating

Creating accessible seating arrangements is an important part of making an event inclusive for individuals with disabilities. Here are some tips to consider:

- 1. Reserve accessible seating:** Make sure that accessible seating is reserved for individuals with disabilities. This seating should be located in an area that provides good visibility of the event, and should be close to accessible entrances and exits.
- 2. Offer a range of seating options:** Consider offering a range of seating options to accommodate different needs. This can include chairs with and without armrests, high tables, low tables, and comfortable seating.
- 3. Ensure seating is comfortable:** Make sure that seating is comfortable and provides adequate support. This is especially important for individuals with mobility disabilities who may need to sit for extended periods of time.
- 4. Make seating easily accessible:** Ensure that the seating area is easily accessible and free from obstructions. This can include making sure that there is adequate space between chairs, and that the seating area is located on a flat surface.
- 5. Provide clear signage:** Make sure that accessible seating is clearly marked with signage or labels that indicate that it is reserved for individuals with disabilities. This can help prevent confusion and ensure that accessible seating is available to those who need it.



Accessible Parking

Here are some tips for providing accessible parking:

1. **Designate accessible parking spaces:** Ensure that there are designated accessible parking spaces that meet the requirements set forth by the ADA and other accessibility regulations. This includes providing enough spaces, a proper size, and an accessible route from the parking space to the event entrance.
2. **Provide an accessible drop-off area:** Consider providing an accessible drop-off area that allows individuals with disabilities to be dropped off closer to the event entrance.
3. **Clearly mark accessible parking spaces:** Clearly mark accessible parking spaces with signs that indicate that they are reserved for individuals with disabilities.

Accessible Restrooms

Providing accessible restrooms is an essential aspect of creating an inclusive event for individuals with disabilities. Here are some tips for providing accessible restrooms:

1. **Ensure that restrooms are accessible:** Ensure that the restrooms meet the requirements set forth by the DDA and other accessibility regulations, including providing adequate space for manoeuvring, grab bars, and accessible fixtures.
2. **Provide clear signage:** Clearly mark accessible restrooms with signs that indicate that they are accessible and provide directions to their location.
3. **Ensure cleanliness:** Regularly clean and maintain the restrooms to ensure that they are safe and hygienic for all attendees.

Want more advice? For a detailed consultation or specific advice about making your event more accessible and inclusive, reach out to:

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Let's work together to make your next event a delightful experience for everyone!