

Pledge on ensuring full disability access to all ALDE events

The ALDE Party pledges to ensure that future ALDE events are more fully accessible, and supportive of all persons with additional needs (including but not limited to wheelchair users, sight impairment and neurodiversity).

Accordingly:

- Local knowledge regarding venues should always be used, and, supported by local disabled persons or interest groups, to identify usual and emergency access and exit of accommodation and venues;
- Safe and reasonable passage to and from venues should be a priority, especially public roads and pavements or where building and repair works may impair safe progress;
- Venues must always contain bathroom and toilet facilities suitable for use by disabled persons and their carers;
- Suitable overnight accommodation should be available in main venue hotels. In the absence of such rooms, assistance and support should be fully available for the affected person(s) and their carers/support workers to facilitate their individual needs;
- The ALDE Secretariat and host party shall commit to ensuring all that is practical is done
 so that no situation is created that could lead to a person with additional needs being left
 alone to face difficulties that have the potential to cause physical and/or mental anguish
 to the affected individual and/or their colleagues;
- ALDE meetings will have a disability link person to whom all requests for support can be made.

The ALDE Party Bureau will bring a report on improving accessibility to the next Council.