



Achieving Mobility for Life, Volvo UK, Warwick 22nd November 2007

Are the supposed beneficiaries of Assistive Technology (AT) design being consulted at all? Are they involved in producing AT standards so that these protect their needs and interests? How aware is anybody of the standards in development and published anyway? Are the standards relevant? Do they balance the risks of life with purist engineering? What changes are needed to improve the applicability and relevance of AT design?

The intention of this meeting is to bring AT users together with medical professionals (including therapists and engineers) and commercial companies to look at what users need in the design of AT, how standards can be used to help achieve these needs, and how everyone can then be kept aware of the standards and the benefits they offer.

Book your place and pay online by visiting

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Delegate Fee: £49.00 (£41.70 + VAT) – includes lunch and refreshments

There are a limited number of bursaries available to wheelchair users to cover the attendance fee.

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REGISTRATION from 9.15am

Chair: Ann Frye, Independent Transport Consultant

9.45am: Morning Session

- **The Built Environment:** Sue Sharp, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
- **Public Transport – inclusive mobility:** Donald Macdonald, Transport, Technology and Standards, Department for Transport
- **Personal Transport – driving assessment:** Barbara Hatton, Manager Wrightington Mobility Centre, Ashton, Leigh & Wigan pct
- **Education, Leisure and Work:** Andrew Frank, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine
- **The Role and Value of the User's perspective:** Kevin Fitzpatrick, Founder & Managing Director of Inclusion21; Disability Rights Commissioner for Wales (2000–07)
- **The Role and Value of Standards – European v International:** Bob Appleyard, Chair of BSI CH173/1 (British Standards Institute committee responsible for wheelchairs)

Afternoon Session: 6 x 45 min workshops

To be followed by windup discussion and proposal for future action

1. Design for the Built Environment – external
2. Design for the Built Environment - internal
3. Design for Public Transport
4. Design for Personal Transport
5. Social Models v Medical Models
6. Design for Work and Leisure

All workshops will have Risk & Design and Needs & Value of Standards underpinning their discussion. They will feed back to the combined audience to draw up a blueprint/action plan for the future which will be disseminated around BHTA, BSI, BSRM, DoH, DfT, IPEM, MHRA, PMG and all other relevant bodies.

The British Healthcare Trades Association (BHTA) and Posture & Mobility Group (PMG) have collaborated to sponsor this programme of presentations and workshops.

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The event co-ordinator on the day will be Julia Blundell from BHTA: Julia.Blundell@bhta.com

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