

Accessibility for Members

Abergavenny U3A will do all that it can in giving support and making attendance as easy and stress free as possible.

Venues

The main venue is at Pen-y-Pound Football Club, which has ample free, and level parking. The building is single storey, and all rooms are accessible without any steps. The main entrance has a door threshold, and is made accessible to wheelchairs through the use of on-site portable heavy-duty ramps (suitable for motorised chairs and buggies). If any member needs to use these please contact Andy Shipp on 01873 890974 or email andypshipp@gmail.com for instructions on their use.

Disabled toilet facilities are available within the building.

Some groups meet at other venues or in a member's home. The group leaders will try to ensure that the venue is accessible or will inform members if it does not fit specific needs. If the venue is not suitable, the member with a disability could offer their home for consideration to hold the meeting.

Assistance

Members who cannot manage to participate without help are welcome to bring a carer/companion with them, who, for the time they are in attendance, will be covered by the liability insurance provided by the Third Age Trust. (Professionally employed carers are covered by their own individual liability insurance). If other U3A members or group leaders are willing to help, they cannot be allowed to take responsibility for another member's care as this could be deemed to be outside the Third Age Trust's insurance cover.

Hearing Difficulties

For members with a hearing loss, seating near to the speaker can be provided. Audio-visual presentations will include sub-titles where available.

Visual Difficulties

For members with vision loss, seating can be provided to enable closeness to visual displays.

Activities and Trips

For activities and trips away from Pen-y-Pound or members' homes, every effort will be made by the trip organisers to offer the appropriate transport and bookings, to enable members with a disability to access outside activities. Members who cannot manage to participate without help are welcome to bring a carer/companion with them, but the carer would have to cover any costs associated with their attendance.

To discuss any aspect of accessibility, please contact Andy Shipp on 01873 890974 or email andypshipp@gmail.com