

## Disability Access and Inclusion at Scitech

Scitech recognises that people with disabilities are valued members of the community who make contributions to social, economic and cultural life. We are committed to ensuring that people with disabilities, (including staff), their families and carers, are not discriminated against in any way and that they have access to the range of facilities and services provided by Scitech.

People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access our buildings and other facilities. These include:

### Arriving at Scitech

- Public transport facilities (City West train station and Green CAT bus) are located close to the venue.
- Designated accessible parking within the City West underground carpark close to lift and escalator access, signed by the blue international symbol of access.
- A designated set down area is available for buses, taxis and private vehicles.
- Lift and/or escalator access to ticketing and entry level floors.
- Carers are entitled to free admission (Companion Card)
- Part lowered reception counter to allow comfortable communication with staff.

### Inside Scitech

- Open entrance and exit, no doorway to manoeuvre.
- Exit barrier activated by motion detectors.
- Clearly identified edges to stairs.
- Exhibition floor allows for a continuous accessible path of travel.
- Tables, benches and basin design is considered to provide adequate forward reach and clearance underneath.
- Excellent fire and evacuation procedures in place, including clear signage, a fire tunnel and audio alarm.
- Disabled toilet access, with clear signage – orange dots lead the way.
- Science Theatre, Horizon Planetarium and Puppet Theatre are all wheelchair accessible
- Many exhibits are operated by large palm push buttons.
- Staff are adequately trained regarding maintenance and use of accessible equipment, facilities and services.
- Staff are aware of buildings and facilities access e.g. location of accessible toilets.
- Program times are visible on a clear illuminated display board and are announced over the PA system.

Monday to Friday school days 9:30am–4:00pm Weekends, public holidays and school holidays 10:00am–5:00pm