

7 election demands for accessible transport



Thanks to the efforts of disabled and older campaigners, access to transport has improved a great deal over the last twenty years.

But inaccessible transport is still preventing us from living full lives. Disabled people travel a third less often than the general public and one in three disabled people cite transport as a barrier to work.

We are calling on Parliamentary candidates to sign up to our seven demands. Disabled and older people want to be able to travel with the same freedom and independence as everyone else.

1 Double the funding to make rail stations accessible

Only one in five stations in the UK have stepfree access. The Government's Access for All scheme funds station access - but too few stations, too slowly.

2 Protect staffing levels at rail stations

Disabled and older people depend on visible, available transport staff for advice and assistance. The Government needs to ensure that when train services are franchised, staffing levels are protected so that disabled and older people can travel with confidence.

3 Audio-visual information on every bus

In London, we have had talking buses for years. Time the rest of the UK caught up.

4 Back our Right to Ride – equal access to buses

Doug Paulley's legal battle to use his local buses shone a light on how, over twenty years after disabled people chained themselves to buses to win a wheelchair space, disabled people are face daily discrimination on the bus. We want wheelchair priority in the wheelchair bay protected by law.

5 Introduce mandatory disability equality training for bus drivers

The EU introduced new rights in 2013 for disabled bus passengers, including introducing disability equality training for drivers. But the UK has made full use of exemptions, so we still do not have the same right to ride as disabled passengers do in elsewhere in Europe.

6 End taxi discrimination – implement section 165 of the Equality Act

Equal access to taxis and private hire vehicles – unenforceable for fifteen years. The Government must implement section 165 of the Equalities Act, and make it illegal for taxi and minicab drivers to charge extra for wheelchair users.

7 Take a trip with disabled and older transport users

There is no substitute for direct experience. We are calling on all candidates to commit to making a journey with a disabled or older person – or better still, a group – to see first-hand the barriers that we encounter every day.

What we do...

Transport for All (TfA) is the organisation of disabled and older people working for a transport system that everyone can use with freedom and independence. We want to live, work and enjoy our lives in a capital that is accessible to all. Access to transport is vital in making this happen.



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Training

We deliver training and workshops to transport staff and disability sector organisations.



Advocacy

We take up complaints and contact service providers on your behalf.



Campaigning and lobbying

We lobby transport providers to improve accessible transport services.

