

Negotiating Neighbourhoods: Disability, Mobility and Health

Evaluation of the Newcastle RNIB Street Charter

Wednesday 25 April 2018, 10.30am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch)

The Core, Science Central, Bath Lane, Newcastle, NE4 5TF

Every day 250 people start to lose their sight in the UK. Our streets should be accessible but they remain a daily obstacle course. Getting to work, the shops, the GP surgery, or accessing local services can be like running the gauntlet, with increased fear and anxiety, and a real risk of injury.



This seminar, jointly organised by Fuse, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and Sight Service, will focus on the findings of research with disabled and visually impaired people. ‘Negotiating Neighbourhoods’ examined the travel and mobility needs of users in Newcastle and Gateshead, providing a critical evaluation of the RNIB Newcastle Street Charter.

Launched in December 2017, the Charter aims to engage with disabled people on new developments, changes to the built environment and the design of street furniture, as well as alternative systems for reporting disruptions to travel, including broken or faulty pedestrian crossings.

The aim of this seminar is to bring together public health professionals, researchers, highway engineers, access consultants, staff at charities and mobility officers from sensory support to increase understanding and awareness of local mobility issues. We will reflect with the project partners on the experience of working collaboratively and discuss the implications of the research for policy and practice.

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