

Checklist for Planning Accessible Events

	Publicity/Registration
	Provide adequate notice for the event to allow arrangements of transportation, assistants, support
	Include a disability accommodation statement on all event advertising (see sample statements below)
	Include a space on registration form for identifying accommodations required
	Provide an event contact name, email and phone for discussion of confidential access requests
	Designate someone to follow up on all access requests to indicate if they can be provided
	Allow for special dietary requirements of participants, attendants and interpreters
	Event Advertising – Sample Disability Access Statement(s)
	For disability accommodations please contact (event contact name, email phone) by (date).
	KPU is committed to providing access to all of our events. Please contact (name, email, and phone) to request accommodations. Advance notice is necessary to arrange accessibility needs.
	If you have a disability that may require accommodations to participate please indicate here How would you like to be contacted to discuss your needs (phone, email)?
	Please check the accommodations needed in order to participate: interpreting (ASL, oral, signed English) large print captioned videos an assistance dog will accompany me a personal care attendant will accompany me
	Budget for Access
	Designate funds for access requests (interpreters, Braille, captioning, transcribing, note-taking)
	Identify a contact for processing contract, invoicing and payment of service providers
	Planning Ahead
	Ask presenters to provide electronic (text) versions of their presentations/handouts in advance
	Book interpreters, real-time captioning or note-takers at least 3-6 weeks in advance of the event
	Provide presenter outlines/info ahead of the event to interpreter/captionist for prep of vocabulary
	Send event material electronically to Braille contractor 3-6 weeks ahead of event
	Develop an accessible event and meeting room floor, space, transportation, and evacuation plan
Transportation	
	Identify closest drop off and pick up locations for HandyDart and public transportation
	Have you identified the location and distance to nearest accessible disability parking spot

	Space Planning	
	Signage identifying accessible entrances to the main event or alternative routes	
	Ensure all areas at the event are accessible (with or without volunteer assistance)	
	Are all the tables reachable to participants in wheelchairs (registration desk, buffet, stage, desks)	
	Is the stage and screen low enough for sight access for wheelchairs?	
	Are all electrical cords covered over aisles or pathways for wheelchairs, walkers, canes	
	Provide preferred seating reservations for Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and interpreters	
	Provide a space for participants with assistive dogs, access to water, and dog walk etc.	
	Accessible Washrooms	
	Are the washrooms accessible and within an acceptable distance from the meeting rooms?	
	Does signage direct people to accessible restrooms or will it be announced at the event?	
	Does the washroom have an automatic door opener? Are they operational?	
Meeting Rooms		
	Are hallways/meeting rooms accessible to wheelchairs/scooters?	
	Do meeting rooms have moveable seating/adjustable tables to make room for a wheelchair?	
	Do meeting rooms have Braille signage?	
	Is the stage or raised area wheelchair accessible and is the lectern height adjustable?	
	Are the pathways throughout the meeting areas/rooms easy to move through with a wheelchair?	
	Is there adequate lighting for a low vision participant to see screens/speakers?	
	Is there space for a captionist to set up equipment/interpreters to stand and sit?	
	Meeting Activities	
	Allow enough time to rearrange floor plan - furniture/tables/equipment	
	Allow for adequate space around meeting tables, chairs for wheelchair access	
	Is there good lighting or access to window coverings to decrease glare on screens	
	Is all the multimedia (including web) content accessible as needed (captioned, large print, voice)	
	Advise presenters to verbally describe content of visual material, including ppt, for blind or low vision	
	Create materials for activities in an alternate format (large print, Braille or electronic)	
	Are there transport options if the activity takes place at multiple campus locations of any distance	
	Emergency Planning	
	Draw up an evacuation plan for participants with disabilities	
	Communicate the evacuation plan to organizers, participants and volunteers	
	Evaluation	
	Include a section on accessibility so you can plan for future events	