Accessible Tourism Operators, Conferences and Awards in Birmingham and the West Midlands

We are proud to have local businesses and organisations paving the way for accessible travel in Birmingham and beyond! In this guide, you'll find out more about operators and events based in the West Midlands, and be able to contact them for more information or even collaboration.

Limitless Travel

Based in Birmingham, Limitless Travel was founded by Angus Drummond who, after being diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and experiencing the highs and lows of travelling with a disability, knew there was something that could be done to improve accessible travel for others - regardless of what their accessibility requirements may be.

Limitless Travel is now run by a team of disabled people day-to-day, and this lived experience ensures that only the best accommodation, transfers and facilities are hand-picked based on the accessible amenities they provide. Each element of a trip is tried and tested beforehand, and optional care packages are available. Limitless Travel ensures that everyone can travel with ease and comfort, regardless of what their requirements may be.

To find out more, visit the <u>Limitless Travel website</u>, and watch the video below to hear more from Angus.



Video link: https://youtu.be/GTvCsNhpFGk

Enable Holidays

<u>Enable Holidays</u> are award-winning accessible travel specialists, focusing on inclusive and adapted trips for wheelchair users. Taking the worry out of what should be an enjoyable time, the team offers carefully selected accessible accommodation with plenty of accompanying detailed information, giving its customers the autonomy to choose the trip that best suits them. Helpful icons on the website also show if features such as adapted transfers, bathroom grab rails and even pool hoists are available.

Naidex

If you'd like to boost your inclusivity mindset, listen to some insightful talks, explore new accessibility products or even meet some great disabled influencers - Naidex is the place to be. It is the UK expo for the disabled community, with exhibitors from all sectors including travel and tourism, education, employment and lifestyle. Naidex has been held at the NEC in Birmingham for many years, and returns for its 50th birthday on March 22nd and 23rd 2023.



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https://www.pexels.com/photo/photo-of-people-gathering-in-room-2833037/

West Midlands Tourism Awards

As an event that celebrates the successes of tourism businesses across the region, entering the West Midlands Tourism Awards is highly encouraged if you are keen to showcase your organisation this year and beyond. Amongst many others, there is an Accessible and Inclusive Tourism awards category, focused on highlighting businesses that provide memorable, equitable experiences for those with accessibility requirements. The winner of each awards category at the West Midlands Tourism Awards is automatically put forward for the VisitEngland Awards for Excellence, and has the opportunity to be recognised as a national winner.

The Birmingham Awards

Whilst not specifically focused on accessibility or the tourism sector, the Birmingham Awards champion organisations small and large, charities and community members that showcase the best of Birmingham - and there's every reason that accessibility improvements could represent just that! Find out more on the <u>Birmingham Awards website</u>.

Further Information and Guidance

Many thanks for reading this guide, we hope you found it useful.

Best of luck on your accessibility journey! Further information on national schemes, awards and tourism contacts can be found at <u>VisitEngland</u>.