

DISABILITY AWARENESS BADGE

How to earn your badge:



1. Different disabilities

- a. Find out what the word disability means and the wide range of things it can cover.
- b. Learn more about two different disabilities. You could look at finding out about disabilities that are visible, or disabilities that may be non-visible.
Remember it will vary from person to person on how people view or describe their own disabilities.

2. Equipment and adaptations

- a. Learn about one piece of equipment or assistive technology that helps disabled people. Find out when, where, and how the piece of equipment or assistive technology might be used, and why.
If they are happy, you could invite a disabled person to share something they use to help them and show how it works.
- b. Visit a local place such as a library, supermarket, cinema, playground or community centre and find out how it's made itself accessible or improved accessibility.
You could visit or find out about autism-friendly film screenings, installing lifts, interpreters at events, accessible playground equipment, touch tours at theatre shows, or audio tours at an exhibition. You could find out when, how and why they were installed or implemented, and the difference they've made, too.

3. Communication and support

- a. Find out about at least two different methods of communication, communication tools, or languages used by disabled people.
Examples include British Sign Language (BSL), Irish Sign Language (ISL), Makaton, the block alphabet, interpreters, hearing aids, Braille, or communication keyrings.

4. Real world skills and knowledge

- a. Learn about different types of service animals and know how to behave around them. You could arrange for a service animal to visit your group.