



Inclusion London is a Deaf and Disabled people's organization that works to promote equality and inclusion of Deaf and Disabled people. We support over 70 DDPOs in London and through those organisations our reach extends to 70,000 Disabled people.

I want to live in a city where every Londoner feels like they have a voice. Where we stand up for the values we believe in. I know we can make this city a reality - if we work together. So as Mayor, I will stand up for London's values on the world stage. I will work with every resident in every community to build a more equal city. And together, we'll give London a fresh start.

As mayor I am committed to creating an environment in which all Londoners can flourish. That is why I will establish a London Disability Taskforce.

Disabled people face significant social and health inequalities. Over one in four disabled people live in poverty. The living expenses for a disabled person are £570 more each month than a person without a disability. I will seek to bridge this gap by establishing a taskforce which will support employers to employ people with disabilities and health conditions. The taskforce will work closely with employers in London and provide guidance on a variety of disabilities, and support that can be provided to enable an inclusive and supportive work environment. Furthermore, I will establish a disability charter with minimum standards which employers can sign up to if they meet the minimum criteria.

I will also exempt disabled Blue Badge holders from ULEZ to ensure that those who are unable to use alternative forms of transport do not have to shoulder an undue burden.

Blue Badge permits, which are awarded by local councils, allow disabled drivers to park for free in designated parking bays. This is important because over one in four disabled people live in poverty, and allowing disabled drivers to park in designated parking bays for free is positive for disabled access and because it helps to tackle inequality. Because of this, Blue Badge holders have always been exempt to the Congestion Charge. Unfortunately, Sadiq Khan has decided that disabled drivers with a Blue Badge should pay a daily £12.50 charge to enter London, which means over 100,000 disabled drivers in London are now paying higher road charges. This is unfair and I will exempt all Blue Badge holders from the central ULEZ. It is not right that deaf and disabled people, who need additional levels of access, have to pay a driving penalty on top of their high living costs.

Through establishing a new London Infrastructure Bank, I will upgrade the Tube network including providing increased disability access. With a rapidly growing diverse population, London needs to invest heavily into its infrastructure. Currently only 82 out of 270 Tube stations served by TfL Rail have step-free access. It is vital we improve the accessibility of London's transport network, and a London Infrastructure Bank will ensure that happens.

Finally, I will consolidate the complicated bureaucracy of the AEB and reorient the focus to ensure all Londoners have access to skills education. This will include collaborating with training providers, such as organizations that support deaf and disabled individuals, to provide increased educational support.