**Additional Opportunity!**

**Access Audit Training – Discovery Museum, Newcastle**

**Learning Group 1**: Wednesday 24 September and Wednesday 19 November 2025 9:30am-4:30pm

**Learning Group 2**: Thursday 25 September and Thursday 20 November 2025 9:30am-4:30pm

**Location: Discovery Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne**, NE1 4JA (Access and travel information for the venue is available on [their website](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.northeastmuseums.org.uk%2Fdiscoverymuseum%2Fvisit-us&data=05%7C02%7Cliz.denton%40museumdevelopmentnorth.org.uk%7C8e58ed532d024f9411f008ddb89fb47b%7Cd756f8e476884fbc8ffebc40244711f5%7C0%7C0%7C638869718282131075%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UN%2Bormg2AhoAc0Jib186bzQatXCzLQmdnlFCaYB3sLs%3D&reserved=0).

**You must be able to attend both days of the programme and complete a mini access audit in between the sessions.**

We have an exciting opportunity available for all those interested in improving services for disabled people to attend a 2 day in-person interactive *Access Auditing training course*. The course will be delivered by **Ian Streets** from About Access who is a member of the National Register of Access Consultants and the Access Association and as such works with BSI Standards, the UK’s national standards body, to advise on appropriate designs for buildings and their surrounding areas. He has worked with organisations of all sizes around the country and overseas in the public and private sectors, and on all property types included listed buildings and other cultural sector venues.

**During day one** of the course attendees will look at the requirements of venue user groups and the problems presented by museum buildings. You will explore what an Access Audit and Design Appraisal entails and examine the relevant legislation.

**Following day one** of the course attendees are required to complete a practical access audit of all or part of their own or another cultural venue using the knowledge they have acquired. Audit templates and an information booklet will be provided to support with this process. Attendees will need access to a Smartphone or digital camera to take images to upload to support this process.

**During day two** of the training attendees will share findings from their audits with other group members and work collaboratively with support and advice from Ian to create improvement action plans.

More information about Ian and About Access is available here: [Home - About Access](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Faboutaccess.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cliz.denton%40museumdevelopmentnorth.org.uk%7C8e58ed532d024f9411f008ddb89fb47b%7Cd756f8e476884fbc8ffebc40244711f5%7C0%7C0%7C638869718282148758%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6yNSsd4%2Bw%2BoImH3%2BF6GhbP8Rc4aBgtSWqRlLl6iIXTk%3D&reserved=0)

Refreshments (tea & coffee) will be provided. Lunch is not provided but attendees are very welcome to visit the Discovery Museum cafe on site or bring their own lunch.

This learning opportunity has been made possible by support from North East Museums and additional funding via the Museum Development North CPD Bursary Scheme