

Additional quotes from partner organisations

“Those involved in design, engineering and construction affect everyone who uses the environment we create. If we want an inclusive society we need to create buildings and spaces that are accessible and inclusive to all. Designing inclusive environments is all about knowing how best to make provision for everyone from the beginning to the end of any project. CIC is committed to the development of CPD that will assist all the professions to achieve this goal so that everyone benefits.”

- Tony Burton, Construction Industry Council

“The Access Association has worked towards the creation of inclusive environments for 25 years. We look forward to this process delivering real benefits to all end users, in particular disabled people”

- Rachel Smalley, President, Access Association

“Planning plays a fundamental role in shaping places that meet the needs of everyone in society both now and in the future. We strongly support this important initiative to deliver true equality in the built environment.”

- Janet Askew, President, Royal Town Planning Institute

“In fully supporting the action plan for inclusive environments CIAT is at the forefront of implementing the strategy. It is working with Design Council/Cabe on the development of training and sits on its Steering Group and working with the community of practice in this area.

CIAT has an updated QAA Benchmark Statement for degree and masters' degrees in Architectural Technology and ensures that Universities accreditation must demonstrate that inclusive design is explicitly embedded in their curriculum. Our revised professional framework for Chartered status and Awards criteria all incorporate inclusive design CIAT considers that it is critically important to influence and engage with industry and clients/funders/users of projects and are reviewing case studies and good practice exemplars.”

- Karl Grace, President, Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists

“The RIBA is proud to be part of the Government and construction industries' drive to create inclusive and accessible environments for everyone. Architects, construction professionals and their clients need collectively to have the skills to deliver on this shared pledge. RIBA is committed to ensuring that Inclusive Design is part of an architect's education portfolio and professional development.”

- Stephen Hodder, President, Royal Institute of British Architects

“English Heritage welcomes the opportunity to share our experience and expertise, as part of the Government’s inclusive environment initiative, in continuing to make the historic environment more accessible for all to understand, appreciate and enjoy.”

- Chris Smith, Director of National Planning & Conservation, English Heritage

“Surveyors undertaking the building control function for members of the Alliance have an important role in checking designs and carrying out site inspections to ensure inclusivity is properly addressed, and the Alliance welcomes the opportunity to remind them of this.”

- Paul Wilkins, Chair, Building Control Alliance

“I have personally seen many touching examples that inclusive Facilities Management (FM) practice can make on an individual’s life but unfortunately that is not necessarily the norm. We believe that adhering to the basic levels of practice set out by the law is simply not enough. FM must go beyond compliance if we are to create truly inclusive environments.”

- Gareth Tancred, Chief Executive, British Institute of Facilities Management

“A thorough and early consideration of landscape planning, design and management is critical in ensuring that our built environment works well for everybody. The Landscape Institute is therefore delighted to support this initiative. It will play an important role in delivering welcoming and responsive places that reflect the breadth and diversity of all our communities.”

- Noel Farrer, President of the Landscape Institute

“The built environment says something about who we are. It influences our lives and we must ensure that it reflects the needs, and standards, of today not those of the past. Construction is more than a mere industry – it is a fundamental part of society and those who manage within it can shape it for generations yet to come. To build really healthy communities all sections of society should be catered for within our structures and infrastructure. Buildings that don’t work for people have no place in their future.”

- Bridget Bartlett, Deputy CEO and Chair of the CIC Diversity Panel

“The NRAC is wholeheartedly behind this process. We firmly believe that delivering inclusive environments is not a ‘nice to have’ but a social imperative. We look forward to working with the other professional bodies represented here today and sharing our knowledge and understanding as this initiative moves forward.”

- Simon Turton, Chair of the Management Board of the National Register of Access Consultants

“RICS views this as an essential part of our professional future. By training our members and improving their knowledge so that they can deliver accessible buildings and spaces, we will provide them with the toolkit to promote inclusivity to all.”

- Louise Brooke-Smith, President, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

“As planners working in the public interest, the Planning Officers Society clearly supports the necessity to ensure that a community’s needs are met through the planning system. We therefore strongly support the promotion of inclusive environments to deliver equality in the built environment.”

- Dr David Evans, President, Planning Officers Society