

London Borough of Islington: Accessibility Audit

**Short name**

LBI Access Audits

Formal name

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Involvement in IMPETUS will help redefine how we work with residents to build a more equal Islington.

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**Summary**

The LBI Accessibility Audit project is divided into two components. The first one is a public realm accessibility audit of Islington's Mildmay ward, providing essential information on obstacles found on streets and pavements which would affect disabled people, taking a pan-disability perspective. The second component incorporates citizen science into the audit. We aim to upskill disabled residents in participatory methodologies and involve them in group walking-and-wheeling local tours, to collect data on their lived-experience of Mildmay. Our disabled residents are often underrepresented and disproportionately affected by environmental initiatives. Recent engagements showed they were more likely to view Islington as unequal and the climate emergency as a lower priority for them than non-disabled residents. Engaging this group then, in a way that is innovative and beneficial to their wellbeing, is essential to our Net Zero aims and a means of addressing the social inequity experienced by disabled residents.