

Inclusive Transport: Engaging People with Disabilities in Design, Implementation, and Monitoring

A Personal and Professional Perspective

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Why Inclusive Transport Matters

Inaccessible transport creates significant barriers to :

- **Education:** Limits independent school access.
- **Employment:** Reduces job opportunities.
- **Inclusion:** Causes isolation and mental health challenges



A photograph showing a person in a wheelchair on a staircase. The person is wearing a white shirt and is looking down. The wheelchair is a motorized one with large rear wheels and smaller front wheels. The staircase has a metal handrail and a white wall. The lighting is bright, suggesting an indoor setting.

Barriers to Inclusive Transport and Their Impact

Key Barriers:

•Public Transport:

- **Issues:** Lack of ramps, elevators, and wheelchair spaces.
- **Impact:** Limited mobility and missed opportunities for growth.

•Pedestrian Environments:

- **Issues:** Uneven sidewalks, obstacles, and poor maintenance.
- **Impact:** Reduced independence and increased reliance on others.

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- **Roads and Crossings:**
 - *Issues:* No curb cuts, tactile paving, or safe crossings.
 - *Impact:* Higher accident risks and psychological stress.
- **Broader Effects:**
 - *Family Burden:* Dependence on relatives disrupts their schedules.
 - *Professional Limitations:* Missed networking and career opportunities.





Engaging People with Disabilities and OPDs

- **Why it's fundamental:**
 - **Expert Insights:** Practical solutions from lived experience.
 - **Universal Design:** Benefits all users, not just people with disabilities.
- **How to Engage:**
 - **Design:** Early OPD input, pilot accessibility projects.
 - **Implementation:** Accessibility oversight, stakeholder training.
 - **Monitoring:** Feedback channels, regular audits with OPDs.
- **Success Needs:** Funding, capacity building, and policy support.





Call to Action

- **Engage Meaningfully:** Include people with disabilities at every stage.
- **Invest in Accessibility:** Accessible transport is a human right, not a luxury.
- **Collaborate with OPDs:** Their insights are key to sustainable solutions.
- Together, we can create a transport system that connects everyone.





Thank you.

