

Lack of available transport can present a real obstacle for young disabled volunteers.

Driving

Availability of parking spaces close to the venue is important.

Public transport

Be aware of public transport available locally and how accessible it is for people with a range of impairments.

In most areas, community transport schemes exist to provide affordable transport to those who are unable to access public transport. Contact your local or county council for details of schemes in your area.

If no accessible public transport options are available, organisations

should consider meeting the costs of taxis to enable people to get involved. See funding section (page 53).

Route learning and travel confidence

Some volunteers may require support to learn a new transport route or to build their confidence in travelling alone. Check with the volunteer that they are confident with the route. If support is needed, the volunteer may have a parent, family member or paid support worker who could assist. You could also consider 'buddying' the volunteer with a volunteer who lives in the same area and can travel together. Some Community Transport schemes also provide a buddying service.