

## More information:

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## Making Leeds a child friendly city

A child friendly city is somewhere that children and young people feel safe, and where they are involved and informed about what goes on. Children and young people's voices are listened to, and services, places and spaces created the way they want them. Child friendly cities are welcoming places, where people are treated equally.



# Independent Travel Training

A leaflet for young people living in Leeds who have learning difficulties or a disability

## What is Independent Travel Training?

Independent Travel Training is a service that can offer a young person training and support if they want to learn how to travel independently between home and school or college.

## Who is the training for?

The training is for young people living in Leeds who have a disability and/or learning difficulty and who attend school or college.

## Why take part in Independent Travel Training?

It will help a young person to learn the skills needed to make the journey between home and school or college independently, either on foot or by bus or train.

## What is to gain from the training?

The aim of the training is to allow a young person to travel independently when they are ready and their skills have improved. So they will be encouraged to travel on buses and trains as soon as they are ready to do so.

Training can help a young person gain:

- confidence using buses
- road safety skills
- increased confidence while out and about
- skills to travel to school or college, such as the ability to plan and learn a route
- travel skills that will help them to access social and leisure opportunities
- the ability to handle money and tips on who to ask for help.

## Where will the training take place?

Training is delivered by staff at school or college and takes place both in the classroom and outside. In the classroom,

young people will learn skills that they will then put into practice during practical training.

## How long does the training take?

All training is personalised to meet their needs. A record of their progress is kept by a teacher.

During the training, a young person may be supported by a travel buddy, who will stay with them while they practise their journeys from home to school or college.

We will keep their parent or carer informed of their progress at all times. We can arrange to meet with them at home to discuss further if needed.

## Will training have an effect on current transport arrangements?

While they complete the training, their transport arrangements will stay the same to begin with.

## What happens when the training is completed?

Once a young person feels confident that they are able to make the journey between home and school or college independently, they will be expected to make future journeys on their own.

They may also be eligible for:

- A pass that will enable them to travel on buses and trains without having to pay a fare, or reimbursement of bus/train fares during training.

