



CAE and the promulgation of inclusive design

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# CAE

- established for 30 years
- information provider and forum for the exchange of experiences and ideas
- social model disability charity
- entrepreneurial and independent

## CAE believes

- CAE believes that disability is a natural part of the human experience. It does not find it helpful or accurate to designate people arbitrarily as 'able-bodied' or 'disabled'.
- CAE believes that we are all inconvenienced by a built environment designed for a single user stereotype that represents the nimble young.

## CAE believes cont

- This stereotype excludes those with impairments or who are growing older, small children and those accompanying them, travellers and shoppers with bags and suitcases.
- To encompass the needs of real people, CAE advocates an inclusive design approach, offering dignity, autonomy and choice for everyone.
- CAE's belief in inclusive design permeates its work.

# CAE defines inclusive design

- Inclusive design:
  - places people at the heart of the design process
  - responds to human diversity and difference
  - offers dignity, autonomy and choice
  - provides for flexibility in use

# What CAE does

- free information and advice
- consultancy and training
- design guidance
- projects, such as the Access Lab

# Involvement in research

- disseminators and mediators of research rather than commissioners
- design guidance based on research supplemented by good practice
- feedback on concerns, problems and needs to research and regulatory bodies

## Recent consultancy jobs

- strategic work rather than remediation
- London Underground Limited
- Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital
- Access for All framework for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and legacy developments

## Some observations

- undoubted need for legislation, planning and building regulations, research and research-based technical guidance
- culture change rather than adherence to formulaic prescriptions - most important of all are attitudes