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Accommodation

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Make changes in the physical or social environment that make it easier for the individual to participate.

Story

‘Liza supported Tony to find a part-time job. The church needed someone to clean up after the monthly community suppers. The suppers end at 9 p.m. on Tuesdays so Liza wanted Tony to come in on Wednesday mornings. Tony said no, because he didn’t along with some people who would be there on Wednesdays. Liza devised a

plan whereby Tony would go to the meal, have something to eat, clean up and slam a door locked as he left. The priest was persuaded, so Tony got the meal, the introduction to the suppers, the work, the pay and the environment he needed.’ (*Lutifyya 1991*)

The bus stop was too far from home for some learning disabled people. They persuaded the Council to move the stop, provide a symbol-based timetable and add some more seats at the new bus stop site.

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Hints & Hazards

At a crown green bowls club, they had a rule that everyone had to be on the green playing with 10 minutes of arrival – so it was everyone’s job to draw in a newcomer who arrived alone.

Some carnivals arrange for a ‘low density area’ that are less crowded to suit those who need that kind of space.

Sometimes the physical environment does not need to change so much as people think. If the school has inaccessible classrooms then the building can be bulldozed or the relevant lesson can be taught in a ground floor room.