

CHOICES TOGETHER

Choices Together Accessibility Policy

NERAP is committed to ensuring that the Choices Together Progressive Programme is accessible for all young people. This policy outlines the current areas of support that we can offer to those attending our events.

Accessibility and Support at On-Campus Events:

All venues in which our on-campus events take place in will be **fully accessible** and PEEP's (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan) will be administered for attendees where required. If you have any requirements relating to building accessibility, please do get in touch with our team prior to the event.

Each event will have a dedicated '**quiet space**' where attendees can go at any time throughout the event. This will be a calm, safe place for young people or parents/carers to unwind, relax and take time for themselves if needed. Mindful activities will be provided to encourage a relaxed environment, and one of our team will be on hand to provide any further support needed.

We understand that some young people may find on-campus events overwhelming, so we are more than happy to have a **one-to-one meeting** at the venue beforehand. This will give them a chance to see the location, meet the staff and go through the planned activities for the day. We can also send a more **detailed schedule** of the event via email, with bespoke information to support attendees.

Our lovely Choices Representatives are also on hand to support and can provide personalised support through our '**buddy system**'! This will mean that our representative will be the designated 'buddy' for your young person throughout the day. They will be there to support the young person with any activities and answer any questions that they may have.

The Choices Together programme provides a very **flexible approach** to engaging with young people as we want to ensure that everyone has the best experience with us. All sessions are centred around the needs of the young people and adapted to suit the requirements of the group. Our sessions are a '**no pressure zone**', and attendees are free to take breaks as needed and have freedom over how they would like to participate and engage.

All resources used throughout our on-campus events can be tailored to suit the needs of the young person. This includes supporting with any deaf/hearing impairments or blind/partially sighted disabilities. We can provide **bespoke printed materials** for attendees, as well as using **specialist auditory systems** when delivering sessions. For specific requirements, please get in touch with our team.

We can cater for any **dietary requirements** when providing catering at on-campus events. Attendees are also able to use any **personal medication** needed, providing that this information has been disclosed and that any young person under the age of 16 is able to self-administer.

For any questions or queries about accessibility at our events, please get in touch with us at info@nerap.ac.uk, give us a call on **0191 208 3128** or chat to a member of the NERAP team.