



Checklist for Inclusive Event Planning

Pre-Event Planning

1. Participant Survey:

- Collect information on participants' accessibility needs (e.g., wheelchair access, sign language interpreters).
- Ask about sensory sensitivities (e.g., preferences regarding lighting, noise levels).
- Inquire about dietary restrictions and preferences.

2. Communication Preferences:

- Determine preferred methods of communication (e.g., email, text, voice).
- Decide on necessary communication tools (e.g., live captioning, assistive listening devices).
- Plan for multilingual support if required.

3. Venue Accessibility:

- Confirm that the venue is wheelchair accessible (including entrances, stages, restrooms).
- Check for the presence of quiet rooms or areas for sensory breaks.
- Ensure that all signage is clear, readable, and includes braille or tactile markers if necessary.



During the Event

4. Environment Setup:

- Arrange seating to accommodate wheelchairs and provide various types of seating options.
- Set up rooms with adjustable lighting and minimize potentially overwhelming visual stimuli.
- Confirm that all audio-visual content is accompanied by subtitles and/or sign language interpretation.

5. Activity Adaptations:

- Provide materials in multiple formats (e.g., print, digital, large print, braille).
- Ensure that all presentations and activities are structured to include participants with various learning styles and abilities.
- Implement flexible scheduling to allow for breaks and varied engagement levels.

6. Emergency Preparedness:

- Train all staff on emergency procedures, including how to assist people with disabilities.
- Ensure that all emergency information is communicated in formats accessible to all



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attendees.

Review and prepare for any specific medical needs or accommodations that attendees may require.

Post-Event Feedback and Improvement

7. Gather Feedback:

Distribute a post-event survey that asks about the inclusivity of the event.

Include specific questions on how well accessibility needs were met and request suggestions for improvements.

Hold a debrief session with event staff to discuss what worked and what could be improved.

8. Report and Plan for Next Steps:

Compile feedback and create a report on the event's inclusivity.

Use the insights gained to plan better and more inclusive future events.



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