

Arran Disability Forum

Annual Report 2006

This is the end of the Disability Forum's first year in operation. I think the group have made a very good start and hope to see the group grow from the base it has created.

Some of the achievements over the course of the year:

- Financially
Have successfully applied for grants for transport costs, Newsletter Project, and day-to-day running expenses
- Newsletter Project
This was a great example of team working, bringing together the expertise of different people, including AccessAbility and Robin Bell. As a result of this project, we now have I.T. equipment, including a laptop and printer as well as the skills to continue producing the newsletter 'Enabled!' Hopefully the production of the monthly newsletter will raise the profile of the group and encourage increased membership.
- Disability Audit
We have made the first steps to carrying out an audit of the accessible facilities for disabled people on Arran. The plan is to work with destination Arran on this project. Hopefully this will provide a useful resource for people with disabilities and might also raise some training and campaigning issues.
- Accessible Walk
This is due to go ahead on Thursday 21st September. Working with the Arran Access Trust we will be trialling one of their accessible paths to see how accessible it is and reporting our comments back. It is also an opportunity to make contact with other groups, so we have invited the Three Towns Disability Forum along to join us. A ranger will be joining us to answer any questions we might have on the wildlife and environment.

With the continued commitment of the group, hopefully year two will be as successful as year one!