



The Including You Tent— An Introduction

Including You is an Ability Links NSW initiative to build the community's capacity to plan, host, and attend more welcoming, inclusive and accessible events.

The aim is to **promote social inclusion** by supporting a wide cross-section of the community to attend, and participate more fully, in community events. The secondary aim is to raise disability awareness within the community.

We are looking to partner with local government and community to make this resource available to the community with pilot programs in LGAs across the Hunter, Central Coast, and parts of Sydney.

The pilot looks slightly different in each LGA depending on the resources available and each council's individual set of circumstances.

We are asking potential partners to consider:

- Using the Including You Tent at a small number of key events during a pilot period (ending June 30, 2018)
- Storing the Including You Tent
- Transporting the Including You Tent to and from those key events
- Planning for the appropriate location of the Including You Tent at those events
- Promoting the Including You Tent as an anchor to “accessible and inclusive” events
- Facilitate awareness among relevant event organisers of the Including You Tent's location, utility, and target audience



In most cases, unless the council is in a position to agree otherwise, **Ability Links will assume the responsibility of staffing** the Including You Tent – either directly, or indirectly by sourcing suitable volunteers from within the community. While we are asking councils to contribute, it is not a condition.

There is no cost to council - Including You Tent and all of the permanent inclusions are provided by Ability Links NSW. At no point in time is the council expected to pay for or buy the tent.

Where the council cannot store, and/or transport the Including You Tent, **Ability Links will work to help find a partner in the community** to take on those responsibilities.

At the end of the pilot period, a review will be undertaken to evaluate the Including You Tent's impacts and to assess a way forward (if there is support for continuing with the program).

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