Celebrate Access Checklist

Here are some ideas for benchmarks you could use to track your progress. Not feeling these? Create your own!

Individual

— I know how to find out if a business is accessible before I go. How? (This focuses on physical/wheelchair access but remember there are many kinds of accessibility.)

— I practice asking about cognitive, mental health, visual, hearing, and mobility accessibility when I am involved in a project or event.

— I add descriptions to social media photos.

— I seek out accessible businesses, restaurants, and theaters to patronize.

— I have ongoing plans to increase my knowledge of diverse disability communities and access practices.

— I have written down ways that I can bring up disability access at work, community or faith organizations, or social groups I am part of.

— I am practicing an access skill, so I can support other people to make things accessible.

— [Add your idea here!]

Organizational

— A contact for accommodations included on our promotional materials for every event.

— There is a list of access needs that are automatically met at every event we host, without request. This is noted in our promotional materials.

— Our internal meetings model access, assume a variety of learning and participation styles, and welcome people to state and meet their needs. We continue to meet needs that have been shared.

— We have a budget set aside for access requests.

— All documents are created in screen reader accessible formats.

— Our organization hosts workshops for staff on accessibility and disability culture. These workshops do not rely on people with disabilities "sharing their (personal, medical) stories." Instead, they support our individual and organizational efforts to recognize ableism and create accessible, anti-ableist spaces and practices.

— Our organization is developing relationships with local disability-led organizations.

— [Add your idea here!]