

# Mobility in Islington



There are a number of schemes in Islington aimed at helping people with disabilities or mobility impairments to travel around more easily.

## Freedom Pass

The freedom pass gives older and some disabled people free travel on buses, tube, trains, Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and trams in London. Card-holders can travel for free after 9am on weekdays (9:30 on trains), all day on weekends and bank holidays.

Anyone over the age of 60 is eligible for the Elderly Person's Freedom Pass.

To apply, visit your local post office. To find out where your nearest Post Office is phone 08457 22 33 44, or visit [www.postoffice.co.uk](http://www.postoffice.co.uk)

Anyone with a higher rate mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance is eligible for the Disabled Person's Freedom Pass, and those with significant problems walking may also be eligible.

To apply visit your nearest Social Service Locality Office:

Archway (North) – 020 7527 7500

Drayton Park (Central) – 020 7527 8800

Calshot (South) – 020 7527 2299

For more information about the Freedom Pass call the Information and Access Team at LBI on 020 7527 2299

## Blue Badge

Drivers or passengers with a mobility impairment who use a car regularly to get around can apply for a Blue Badge. This entitles holders to parking concessions, such as being able to park in residents' bays, pay and display bays and shared use bays. Blue Badge holders are also exempt from the congestion charge.

For more information phone 020 7527 6108, or email [blue.badge@islington.gov.uk](mailto:blue.badge@islington.gov.uk)

## TaxiCard

If you receive the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA), are registered as blind or receive a War Pension Mobility Supplement you can be a member of the TaxiCard scheme. This enables its members to travel in London's licensed radio-taxis (black cabs) at greatly reduced fares.

For more information phone 020 7527 8177, or email [Joyce.Webb@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Joyce.Webb@islington.gov.uk)

## **ScootAbility**

ScootAbility is an award-winning scheme that enables Islington and Camden residents with a mobility impairment to borrow mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs for up to 4 days at a time. There is currently no cost for membership of the scheme, which provides a home delivery and pick-up service, insurance and breakdown recovery and maintenance. The scheme also provides full training and minor home adaptations.

For more information or an application form phone 020 7974 2039/2420 or visit [www.camden.gov.uk/scootability](http://www.camden.gov.uk/scootability)

Application Form

[http://www.islington.gov.uk/DownloadableDocuments/TransportandStreets/Pdf/ScootAbility\\_Application.pdf](http://www.islington.gov.uk/DownloadableDocuments/TransportandStreets/Pdf/ScootAbility_Application.pdf)

## **Dial-a-Ride**

This is a door-to-door service for disabled people who cannot use public transport. Taxicard holders, people who receive a higher rate mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance or attendance allowance, those who are registered blind or are in receipt of a war pension mobility supplement are eligible. Fares vary according to journey length.

For more information phone Transport for London on 020 7027 5823, or email to [enquire@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:enquire@tfl.gov.uk) or visit the website at [www.tfl.gov.uk/dial-a-ride](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/dial-a-ride)

## **812 Bus Service**

The 812 hail-and-ride bus service, aimed at older and disabled people, goes to local shops, leisure centres, health and day centres. The bus can be flagged down on its route or caught at specific bus stops. The service is free for the 812 route call Hackney Community Transport on 020 7275 2400 or email [info@hackneyct.org](mailto:info@hackneyct.org)

## **Useful Resources**

### **DisabledGo – [www.disabledgo.info](http://www.disabledgo.info)**

This website will help you to find out whether services in Islington, as well as some other areas, are accessible for people with disabilities. To find out, for instance, if a venue has wheelchair access, or if a restaurant has menus in large print or Braille visit [www.disabledgo.info](http://www.disabledgo.info)

### **Islington Mobility Forum**

The Islington Mobility Forum meets three times a year, giving local older and disabled residents a chance to raise accessibility issues with a panel made up of council staff and other organisations. Presentations are also given, and attendees are encouraged to give their views on designs and developments to make sure that new projects in the borough are accessible. To find out more about the IMF, or to book your place at the next meeting, phone Linda Brosnan on 020 7527 3017 or email [Linda.Brosnan@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Linda.Brosnan@islington.gov.uk)

### **Internet Access**

If you don't have internet access in your home you may be able to use the computer in the reception of your Area Housing Office. Please phone the relevant office for information. There is also free internet access in all of Islington's public libraries and OK Online centres. Phone 020 7527 2000 for more information on where you can access the internet.

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