## Andrew Miller



**UK Arts Access Champion** 

Ruth Madeley



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### **Kyla Harris**



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Francesca Mills

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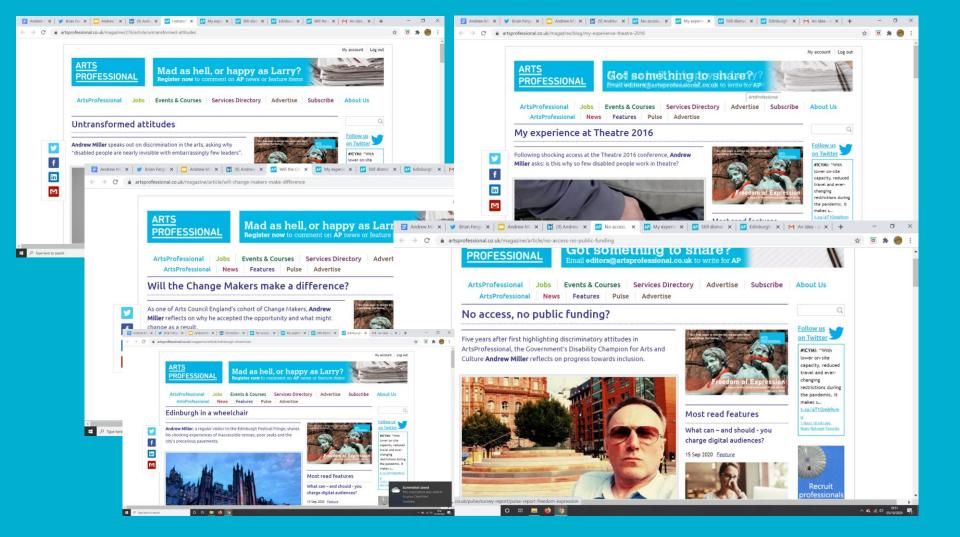
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- 9% Workforce
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strong and vibrant sector of the arts in

#### DISABILITY ARTS IS

- Controlled by disabled people
- A developing culture
- The culture of disabled people
- The creative voice of disabled people
- Empowering

#### IT CAN ALSO BE

- Political
- A disabled person's interpretation of

















"Both in attitudinal and access terms, we have a long way to go before disabled people can compete on a level playing field in the creative industries".

## Andrew Miller



UK Government Disability Champion, Arts & Culture

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## #7InclusivePrinciples

#### for the arts in COVID-19







#### **Audience Access Alliance**

Attitude is Everything **Disability Collaborative Network** Euan's Guide **Hynt Card Performance Interpreting Shape Arts** 

**Signed Culture** Stagetext Stay Up Late The Access Card **Transport For All** Vocaleyes

**UK Disability Sector Champions** Andrew Miller - Arts and Culture **Heather Smith - Countryside and Heritage** 



## ableism

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#### noun

1. discrimination in favour of able-bodied people.



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Developing a new strategy for Arts Council England 2020-2030 LETS CREATE

> STRATEGY 2020-2030 ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Strategy consultation framework Autumn 2018 22% of UK population declare a disability (Office for National Statistics)

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#### THE BENEFITS OF HYNT

- 76% of disabled cardholders said being part of Hynt improved their access to culture
- 73% said Hynt improved their quality of life
- Hynt has generated an additional 144,000 theatre audiences since 2015
- Each complimentary ticket generated an average of £23 in secondary spend

(Hynt Impact Report 2023)



## WHY DO WE NEED ALL IN?

For deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent people, the current situation needs improvement:

- Lack of consistency in access quality
- Time-consuming booking process
- Multiple access schemes
- Uncertainty of accurate admin.
- Frustration of access barriers



#### **ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS**

#### **Built environment**

Improving the built environment in and around venues including removing physical obstacles and providing better access

#### **Digital communications**

Making digital communication with disabled audiences more accessible, usable and inclusive

#### Customer service

Working with customer services so that venues and events give a warm welcome to everyone.

#### Commissions, events, and programming

Building in access to commissions, events and programming at the ideas, budgeting, and development stages

Working with our suppliers:





## Things Can Only Get Better ...?

There has never been a BETTER time to be disabled and be part of the creative industries!





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