Swansea wins at APSE Awards

Swansea Council have received acclaim by winning the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) 2022 awards that were held at Swansea Arena. This award affirms the council's accessibility and inclusion efforts and the installation of a Changing Places Toilet and other toilets at Swansea Market, seeing a footfall of up to 3,000 visitors a week. Accessibility has been considered throughout this venue and includes a fully accessible market garden area. Let us know if you’re visiting there and we'd love you to share your photos with us.

Further information:

Scottish Cross-Party CPT Group

In January 2022, a new Cross-Party Group for Changing Places Toilets was established by Paul O’Kane MSP with the purpose of raising awareness of the essential need for the facilities in Scotland.

The first two meetings were very well attended and you can read the minutes here. We urge anyone interested to join these meetings. They are usually online via Zoom and take place around 6pm for one hour.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, Kevin Stewart MSP will attend the next meeting, date to be confirmed, as will Mike Adams OBE from the charity Purple.

If you would like to join the future meetings please email the Secretariat for the group, Angela Dulley: angela.dulley@parliament.scot

Boost to Belfast’s IncLOOsivity

We're always delighted to share news about new Changing Places Toilets and the ICC Belfast Waterfront Hall facility is at the heart of the International Convention Centre (ICC) Belfast.

It has extensive floor space above the required 12m2 and is located at the Riverside Foyer entrance. It's great to hear of venues going the extra mile. Congratulations to Team ICC Belfast!

We're glad to have this great new CPT registered and on the official map.

Applications for the Second Round of DLUHC Funding Have Now Closed

The eagerly anticipated second round of government funding for Changing Places Toilets (CPTs) in England has now closed for applications.

on 1st September 2022 and is inviting all eligible local authorities (LAs) to apply for the up to £6.5m fund.

This second round, which saw Local Authorities encouraged to apply for a share of the remaining funding of up to £6.5m, was limited to LAs with no existing Changing Places Toilet provision and those identified as being in the top 50% according to an updated index of need.

Two live stream events took place in September, specifically designed for second time applicants, where attendees were informed on how to apply, what makes a good Expression of Interest (EOI) and participated in the Q&A session.

Further information can be found via the Prospectus and FAQs Document at gov.uk.

Thank you to everyone who supported this second round - From DLUHC, Local Authorities and venues to supporters, suppliers and, of course, campaigners. We look forward to sharing the outcome of this second round of applications!
Spooky season is here!
Accessible attractions are always at the top of the list as the most requested places to locate new Changing Places Toilets, so we thought we’d let you know about some Halloween events which might just be the perfect day out.

But remember...
watch out behind you!

- **Halloween**
  - at the
  - Tower of London

- **Hallowededen**
  - Eden Project

- **Spooky Halloween**
  - Folly Farm Park

- **HalloWILD**
  - Blair Drummond Safari Park

- **Scarefest**
  - Alton Towers

If you’ve got some *spook*tacular photos that you’d like to share with us from your incLOOsive days out, send them to us via:
Changingplaces@musculardystrophyuk.org
Or share them on our Facebook page
We're delighted to share that East Suffolk Council has become the first Local Authority to install a Changing Places toilet using funds awarded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

On the final day of applications for round 2, the Changing Places Toilet at East Point Pavilion became the first to be registered after receiving funding from the DLUHC in the first round.

Congratulations to East Point Pavilion, East Suffolk Council and the Care Spaces team at Wealdon Rehab on a fantastic install. Not only were the DLUHC protocols followed to the letter but a fantastic Changing Places Toilet has been installed to serve the local community and visitors for a very long time to come.

To learn more about what the installation means for the Eastpoint Pavilion and their community, take a look at this video from Wealdon Rehab.

**Question:** Why don't Changing Places toilets have a baby change bench?

**Answer:** Changing Places toilets are for people with disabilities who need the extra equipment and space. When being used for baby change, or by individuals without disabilities, the CPT isn't available for people with disabilities who need the extra space and equipment that only a Changing Places toilet offers.

**A public inconvenience – Londoners need more loos in stations**

We're pleased to see the London Assembly continuing the call for more public toilets, including Changing Places, in London. As Crossrail has now opened with some stations having no toilet facilities, the Assembly has called on the Mayor and Commissioner for TfL to commit to providing public toilets at all new stations. The Assembly also requests that retrofitting toilets to existing stations that currently have no provision be made a priority.

Last year, members of the MDUK Changing Places team visited the London Assembly to speak on the importance of including Changing Places toilets, so it's wonderful to see our message continuing to be included in this vital conversation.

[Read the full press release here.](#)
We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Margaret Clough last month.

Margaret was known affectionately as The ‘Godmother’ of the Changing Places toilets campaign and for her outstanding determination to make the world a better place for her daughter Julie and many others.

Beloved mother to Tony Clough and his family, Margaret was a loving mother and grandmother, whose exemplary motivation and inspiration drew so many others into the Changing Places Toilets' campaign. Margaret’s eulogy shared information about her greatly respected primary school teaching days in Birmingham, Doncaster, Manchester, and Newcastle, where she was very highly regarded and known as ‘Toughie Cloughie’ at her school in Newcastle, due to the fact that despite her naturally meek personality, in the classroom she was very stern with the children.’

After retiring Margaret concentrated on raising awareness for the need for ‘Changing places toilets’ for people with complex disabilities, like her daughter Julie. It was at this time that Margaret’s fitting accolade of ‘Godmother’ of the Changing Places Toilets came into its own.

Margaret’s first major success was to get these facilities installed at East Midlands, Heathrow, and Newcastle airports, as well as the ‘NEC’, a great and worthy achievement.

We owe our greatest thanks to Margaret for her amazing service and tireless commitment to the campaign, she helped to make the world a better, and more inclusive place.

Registration round-up

- Gullame Bents Toilets
- Burrell Collection Toilet
- Teeside International Airport
- St Nicholas Gardens Scarborough
- Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea
- Aberavon Aqua Splash
- Holy Island Public Toilet Block
- Scarborough Hospital
- Lloyds Bank, London
- New City Hall, London
- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Salisbury District Hospital
- Rouken Glen Pavilion
- Alton Towers Resort
- Museum of London Docklands
- The Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast
- Lochshore Park Hub
- Centre Stage Arts Centre, Scotland
- East Point Pavilion, Lowestoft

Don't forget to let us know if you have anything to share in our newsletter. Email: changingplaces@musculardystrophyuk.org with any questions for ‘Your Questions Answered' or stories for ‘Campaigners' Corner’.

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