

## Planning Events for Every Body

On April 24, the City of Shoreline hosted a panel discussion for the community about planning events with a focus on accessibility. This followed a January learning opportunity, Disability is Diversity, a presentation by the Arc of King County at January's CityLearn. Our goal is to support Shoreline residents in creating an inclusive and welcoming community for all.

The panel was made up of three experienced community members who work in Shoreline:

- Brandy Padua, Day Manager at Friendship Adventures
- Stacy Flower, DSHS/DDA Access for All Lead
- Stephanie Ruiz-Carabajal, Recreation Specialist, City of Shoreline

Panelists discussed the reasons for making events accessible and welcoming for people with both visible and invisible disabilities. They shared planning strategies, from the initial stage of choosing an appropriate venue to getting feedback after an event. Also included was helpful information about making virtual meetings accessible.

40 participants attended in-person or virtually, including several City staff. The presentation was recorded and is now on the City YouTube channel. Handouts are available electronically by request. We will do further outreach to let the community know about these resources.

Links:

Planning Events for Every Body event:

<https://youtu.be/35ohJ6qe6t8?si=9Rt-g8rvmNurB2sX>

Disability is Diversity:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1cBOch\\_DrA&list=PLP37gJyqrHTOo0AjSffsXjXfmHxbHb6ZO&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1cBOch_DrA&list=PLP37gJyqrHTOo0AjSffsXjXfmHxbHb6ZO&index=4)