



5 step guide to a **WheelMap** **Mapping Day**

Introduction



"Welcome to the ChangeX WheelMap Guide. I want to empower every mobility-impaired person in the world with the information and resources they need to live a more independent life and move around their community freely. Technology now enables us to do that so let's get started!"

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What is Wheelmap.org?

Wheelmap.org is an open and free online map for wheelchair-accessible places. It empowers users to share and access information on the wheelchair-accessibility of public places. Like with Wikipedia, everyone can participate by tagging places.

The crowdsourced information is free, easy to understand and can be shared with everyone.

Wheelmap.org is a global tool that can be used by everyone everywhere. It is available on the internet and as an app for iPhone and Android.

Why is it important?

There are around 185 million wheelchair-users worldwide. Additionally, there are many more who are mobility impaired either constantly, or at one point in their lives. Think about senior citizens with a

walking aid or parents with a stroller. Barriers in public environments constantly prevent mobility-impaired people from free movement and participation. A narrow doorway here, a step there - that's all it takes.

To make things worse, information on the accessibility of public places is poorly available. Hence, mobility-impaired people are shut out from public transport, restaurants, shopping etc.. This lack of participation and visibility in society is not contributive to an inclusive society. However, 155 countries committed themselves to guaranteeing the full inclusion and participation of people with a disability by signing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Charter of Human Rights, Chapter 4). So, it's time to change things.

Barriers + No Information = No Mobility, No Participation, No Inclusive Societies

What you can do

You can begin mapping straight away at WheelMap.org or even better organise a Mapping Day in your community. You'll find all you need in this guide to get started! Don't forget to spread the word and get as many people as possible using WheelMap.org in your community.

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5 Steps & Checklist



5 STEPS

1. Join the movement
2. Gather your team
3. Set a date
4. The big day
5. Share your findings

WHO

Someone who...

- is passionate about improving accessibility in your community
- can gather a few friends and get them excited about joining the global WheelMap movement

RESOURCE CHECKLIST

- A small group of friends, colleagues or neighbours
- Smartphones with WheelMap downloaded
- The WheelMap accessibility criteria

TIME



You'll need 5 hours in total - 1 for organising, 3 for your event and 1 for follow up.

Step 1:

Join the movement

WheelMap.org is used right around the world to help people find accessible places in their community. The app and website is available anywhere and there are already almost 500,000 Mapped places worldwide. Now that technology enables us to share this information freely, why not use it for the benefit of the community!

At WheelMap HQ they've found that the most successful Mappers get together with other Mappers in their community and get friends, colleagues or neighbours involved in order to cover more ground and more locations.

You can get started today by downloading the app and the next step is to gather a few friends to join the global movement and organise a Mapping Day.

You can search for your community on WheelMap.org and check how many locations are already mapped. Don't worry if there aren't any yet - all the more reason to get your group together today and start mapping.



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Step 2:

Gather your team

Gather your mapping team - these can be friends, colleagues or classmates - the more the merrier!

Get people excited about the opportunity to improve the community and have fun while doing it! On the day it's best for Mappers to work in teams of two or three. There is no minimum or maximum number but remember the more people you have involved the more ground you'll cover.

TIPS



You could try setting up a Facebook or Whatsapp group to gather your team and share the details of the day. It'll be easy to share updates and photos during and afterwards also!



Step 3:

Set a Date

Set a date for your Mapping Day. WheelMap's global movement of Mapping Days kicks off on December 3rd so why not pick a date in mid December and join thousands of other Mapping Communities around the world. [See all the updates from the global community here.](#)

Give yourself a week or two to plan the day and let people know. Here's all you need to do beforehand:

1. Decide on your location - you can aim for just your own neighbourhood i.e. town or village or if you can get a bigger group together, why not try to expand your reach to surrounding neighbourhoods.

2. When and where will you meet up? Decide on a time and meeting place.

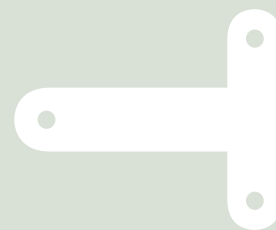
3. Invite people - what are the best ways of reaching colleagues and the other mappers? You can send an email around, create a Facebook event or setup a WhatsApp group. People only need to commit to a few hours so you should be able to convince lots of people to get involved!

4. Know the Wheelmap criteria for wheelchair accessibility - and share them with the team, you can find them [here](#)

5. Install the Wheelmap app

The app can be downloaded for free for Android, iPhone and Windows Phone (Windows 10).

6. Register an account - either on <https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/new> or follow the registration process of your app.



Step 4:

The big day

Here's a quick checklist of things you need to keep in mind on the day:

- Make sure that the Wheelmap wheelchair accessibility criteria are clear to everyone
- Make sure everyone has installed the app and understand its functions
- Set a goal for your mapping event, for example, " We want to mark 200 places", "...add 50 new places!", "... upload a photo of the entrance for every place!" etc
- Decide on a route - choosing parts of the town that have many unmarked (grey) places.
- Make sure you have enough smartphones and tablets on hand with batteries charged.

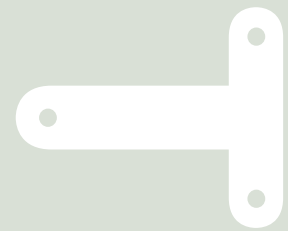
TIPS



Use the Handout for Mappers to explain the traffic light system. [Find it here](#)

Use FAQs to guide you on the day - [find them here](#)

Spread out the use of your mobile devices so that they will last for the entire mapping event.



Step 5: Sharing

Sharing is caring!

Make sure to share your findings and also to capture moments from the day and share them with other mappers around the world on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #MapMyDay

Feedback is helpful

Get together to wrap up your mapping event: Share your experiences and see what your "MapMyDay" event has contributed to the Wheelmap!

The Global Movement

Keep in touch and find out what is happening in other parts of the world - go to www.mapmyday.org and leave your contact information.

[Register here to get started and we'll make sure you have everything you need!!](#)



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