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Accessible Audit Training

The Ministry of Equality's providing disability awareness training sessions continue this week. Today, Tuesday, saw the start of four days of various training seminars on accessible audits so as to make physical environments more accessible.

The training is once again delivered by Ian Streets from About Access who, in addition from creating general awareness, will advise on how to make buildings and premises accessible to people with disabilities. Tuesday's training session was delivered to employees who work in the public sector.

The session was opened by Minister for Equality Samantha Sacramento, followed by Matthew Turnock and Jackie Dalli who spoke about their experience as individuals with physical disabilities. Tito Garro from the Government's Law Offices provided a very informative outline of the Disability Bill and the responsibilities therein. The Bill is modelled on the UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities.

The sessions are extremely popular and the week is fully booked with different types of training which will continue on Wednesday.

Minister Samantha Sacramento said: "The Ministry for Equality continues to raise awareness on various issues relating to disability. This year will see an intense period of different types of training being offered. The training that we are delivering is bespoke and has been commissioned to suit our current needs. I am absolutely delighted that before the training sessions commence, members of our community are volunteering to address those attending and therefore provide their personal insight of what it is like to live with a disability. It sets the scene as to why this awareness is so important and I am grateful to everyone who is giving up of their time to assist the Ministry in raising awareness."