

Caribbean Carnival & Social Model of Disability



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Intro

My name is Glen

I am a Callaloo Carnival Arts Trustee
and Soca DJ/Sound Technician.

My pronouns are he/him

Lived experience:

I have dyslexia, FND, chronic fatigue
and life time of Carnival experience,
from growing up in a Carnival family.



A Typical “Big Truck”

- Straps to secure speakers
- Ear plugs
- Scaffold construction
- Hydraulic lift gates and...
- Stewards

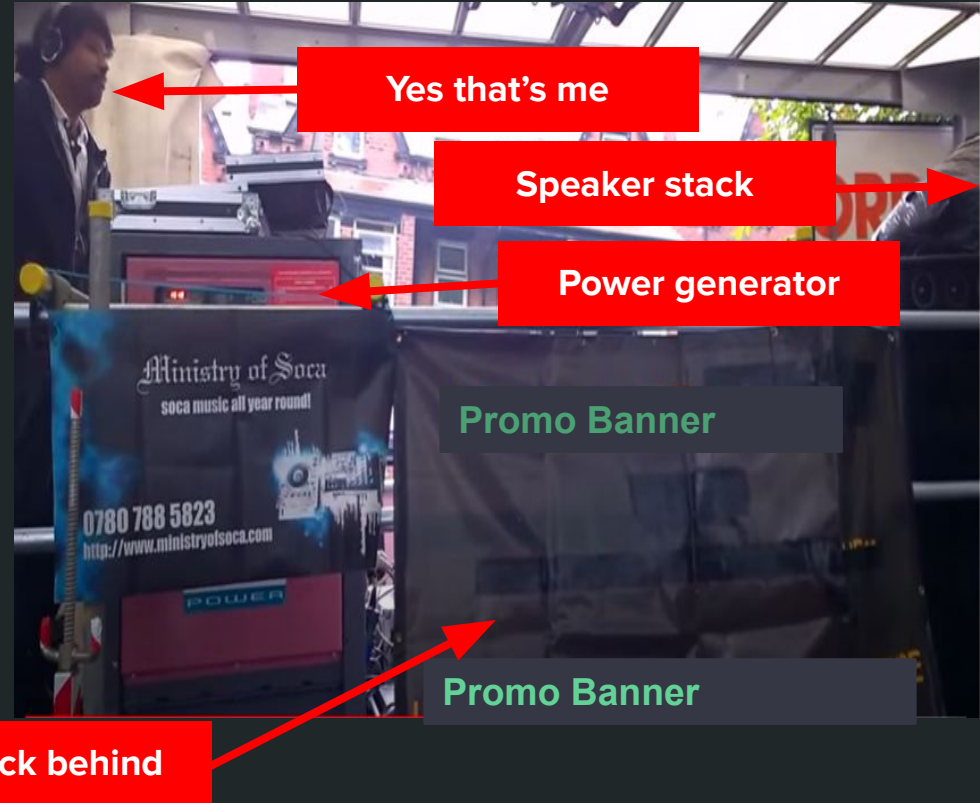
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Performing On A Big Truck...

Access issues on the trailer...

- Space to work, rest & play
- Space for support if needed
- Getting on and off
- Wires/trip hazards everywhere
- Promo banners & decorative items fastened with cable ties



Widening Access

1. All trucks supplied with Hydraulic Lift Gates
2. Lift device on the side of the trailer or...
3. Cab access for DJs with suitable kit?
4. Can wires run overhead?
5. Promo signs with easy release ties?
6. Speakers facing troupes only, creating SPACE
 - On the trailer for a table and chair
 - Either side of the trailer for access and;
 - Reduction in volume for safer listening

Access Riders

Ask us what we need.

- Access requirements routinely requested via a range of communication methods.
- Access data can help capture information on new technologies.

Finding Solutions...

Who can assist and/or provide guidance on making reasonable adjustments?

- Disabled led organisations (Link up today!)
- Local Council Events/Licensing Team
- Partner organisations
- Local businesses, etc
- Callout on Social Media

Reasonable Adjustments Round Up!

- Awareness - ask what is needed e.g. use access rider
- Acceptance - Some adjustments will require investment - eg in technology, kit, etc, or borrow, rent - invent!
- Act - take **action**, **ask** (measure impact), **reflect**. **Repeat**
- Be Accountable - **legal case**, **moral case**, **business case**

Finally!

“Do the best you can until you know better.

When you know better, do better.”

Maya Angelou

Thank You!

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