

THE RIGHT WHEELCHAIR IN THE RIGHT WAY

Motivation is working with the World Health Organization to improve wheelchair service provision around the world

HOW CAN THIS WORK BENEFIT THE UK TOO?



A BASIC RIGHT, A BASIC NEED

Without mobility, millions of disabled people in the developing world are unable to leave their homes, go to school or work, or care for their families. Many are left to lie on the floor. Many more die from preventable complications.

Motivation changes this. Our work saves and transforms lives by providing a complete wheelchair service that incorporates essential and practical training.

By combining training with wheelchairs and on-going support, we enable more and more disabled people to receive the right wheelchair in the right way.

It's an approach that started in the developing world, but which is now spreading globally, benefiting disabled people everywhere.

Working together in partnership with the World Health Organization to build skills



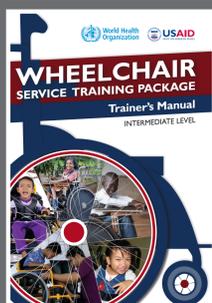
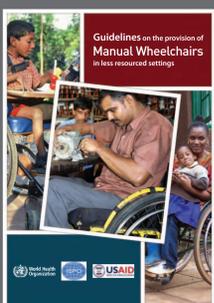
Unfortunately, not enough practitioners have the basic skills and core knowledge needed to provide appropriate support and advice for disabled people. At worst, an ill-fitting chair can do more harm than good. Disabled people themselves often lack the appropriate skills and confidence to make the most of the chair they receive.

Motivation believes that things need to change and the World Health Organization (WHO) agrees. That's why we are proud to have worked together to develop guidelines and training for the provision of wheelchair services in the developing world, and we are now working hard to demonstrate the benefits to practitioners everywhere.

So far, participants from 45 countries have completed the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Package. We'd like to see UK based practitioners start to benefit too. Here's how.

“ I have been very impressed by the way Motivation has gone to great lengths to work with the World Health Organization in developing the wheelchair guidelines and related training packages that will raise the standard of wheelchair provision and assist in improving the quality of life of disabled people worldwide. ”

Chapal Khasnabis,
World Health Organization

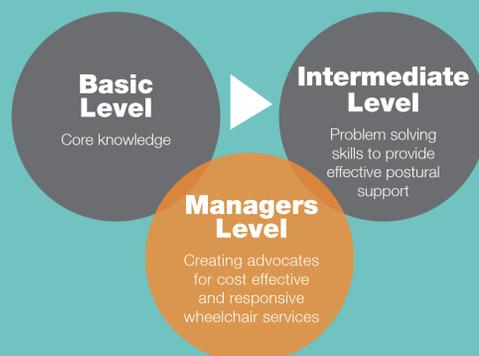


BACK TO BASICS: A PRACTICAL, CORE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMME

As a specialist training provider, Motivation knows what works – for practitioners and for end users too. That's why we were asked by WHO to help develop a practical, flexible, user focused training programme.

Purposefully designed with the end user, rather than the product, in mind, the training provides a 'back to basics' foundation of core skills and knowledge for appropriate and effective wheelchair service provision.

There are three modules. The Basic and Intermediate levels each cover core knowledge, a step by step guide to delivering a wheelchair service and practical sessions with wheelchair users. The Managers level looks in more detail at running a wheelchair service.



Participants who complete the training can be confident that they have a solid knowledge about wheelchair service provision upon which to build. They will be able to identify user needs, apply core skills and identify when referral on is required. They will also be well equipped to take up more specialist training opportunities in the future.

“ The WHO Basic Training Package provides the critical fundamental skills in providing and fitting a wheelchair for basic wheelchair riders. The package is clear, thorough and presented in a manner that can be absorbed easily by therapists and seating clinicians. It is highly recommended that the WHO Basic Training Package be taught to all therapists at the University Level. ”

Jean Anne Zollars MA PT,
Physical therapist, USA

PRACTICAL AND HANDS ON

- Uses wheelchair users, as trainers or recipients, to demonstrate techniques and reinforce the central role that wheelchair users play in selecting their own wheelchair.
- Uses a comprehensive multimedia approach: Powerpoint, DVDs, trainer guides, reference material and practical activities.
- Uses best practice examples throughout resources to help maintain quality and consistency across all trainers.
- Uses two trainers for every twelve participants to ensure high levels of support, feedback and safe practice.

IT WORKS

“I absolutely believe that the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Package can be the foundation of knowledge for learning and training of entry level practitioners.”

Laura Cohen, Executive Director, Clinician Task Force, USA

“The training package not only gives the fundamentals on why to do that but also they teach you how to do it and that is very important.”

Silvana Contepomi, physiotherapist, Buenos Aires

“The Wheelchair Service Training Package is globally applicable and readily accessible to all.”

Jan Miller Polgar, PhD, OT Reg., (Ont.), FCAOT Associate Dean Programs Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Ontario, Canada

“The training was above my expectations and all aspects will prove to be useful in my work. Thank you for your kind support.”

Kshetra Bdr Gurung, Nepal

“Appropriate wheelchair and seating provision is an international issue, relevant to the whole of society. The WHO guidelines and training pack for less resourced settings are essential templates which can be contextualised to develop services and provide education and training worldwide. Today Ireland had no specific policies or guidelines and I am utilising these invaluable resources to aid in development of actionable strategies to build sustainable wheelchair and seating provision systems to meet people's personal mobility needs as a basic human right, now and in the future.”

Dr Rosemary Joan Gowran, Lecturer Occupational Therapy University of Limerick, Ireland

ADAPTING OUR TRAINING EXPERIENCE TO FIT

We believe that many of the lessons we have learned in the developing world over the past 23 years can be applied all over the world.

From delivering wheelchair service projects in Africa and India, to providing training consultancy to partners and national governments, Motivation is happy to share its experience and expertise.

Most recently, we provided specialist training for personnel signing up to a new trauma register for emergency response situations. Funded by the Department for International Development, the course gave people the necessary key clinical knowledge and skills they would need to provide support for disabled people in an emergency.



Interested to find out more?

If you would like to find out more, speak to Sarah Frost at PMG. Call us at Motivation on **01275 464 012** or email info@motivation.org.uk

Training. Helping to provide the right chair in the right way...

FACT Motivation has been providing wheelchair services to disabled people in developing countries for over 20 years – our expertise in training and mobility solutions is now spreading to other countries around the world.

FACT 70 - 80 million people in the world need a wheelchair. 80% of them live in the developing world but as little as 5% are able to access the products and support they need.



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