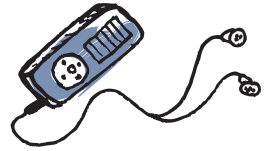


The scheme is open to young people over the age of 11yrs who are registered with SEN and in receipt of free school transport.

If you would like the information contained in this leaflet in an alternative language or format or for further information about Liberty and to find out who qualifies for the free training please contact:

ITU@wigan.gov.uk
or call **01942 489363**



GO YOUR OWN WAY

Your guide on how to help provide vital life skills for those with special needs.

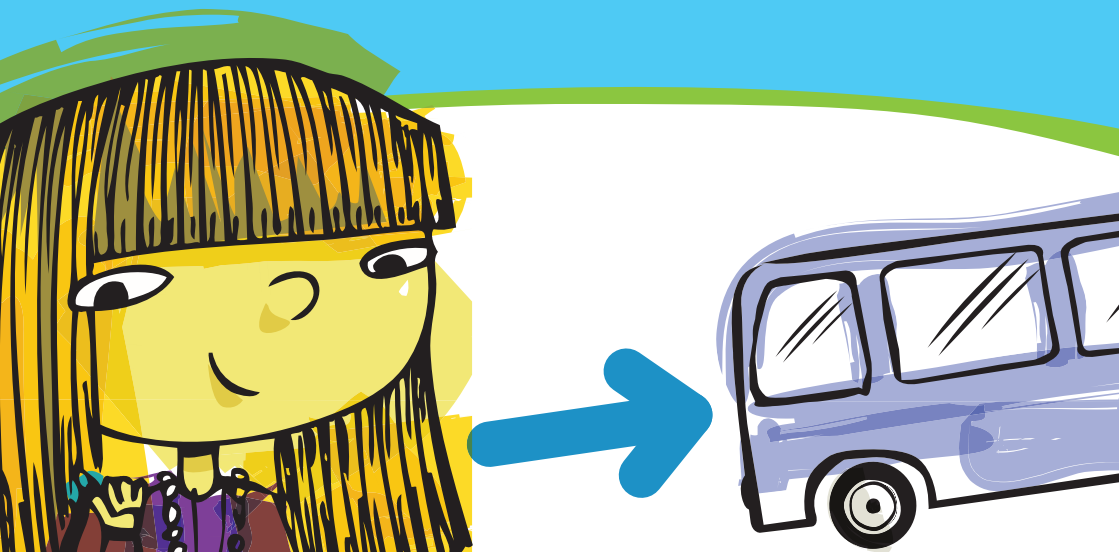


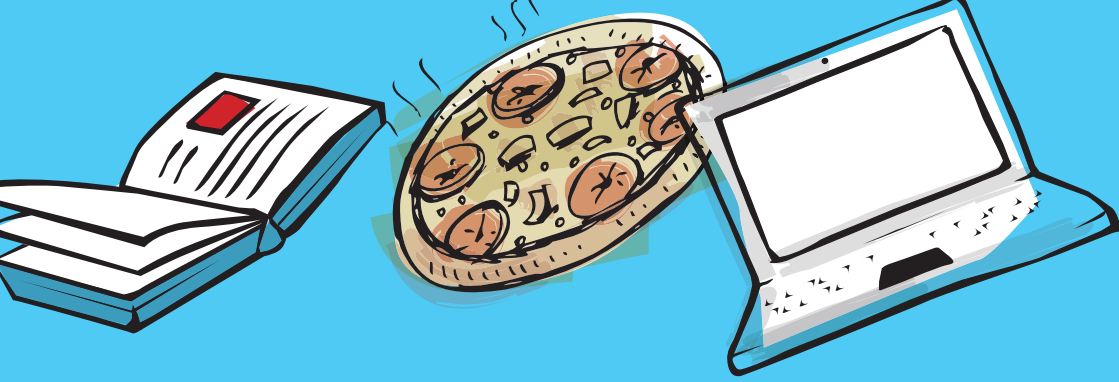
Liberty is the borough's independent travel training scheme, provided by Wigan Council. It is designed to help young people with special needs to get more from life by giving them the confidence and skills to travel independently by using public transport.

WHAT IS TRAVEL TRAINING?

Independent travel training gives those who need additional help a range of practical and social skills. We provide support and training so people with special needs can travel safely on their own using public transport.

Being able to travel independently means an individual will be able to travel to and from school on their own and opens the door for other journeys to college, work experience health facilities and leisure and recreational purposes.





Liberty Independent Travel Training provides individuals with their own personal travel programme.

Students learn at their own pace while they develop the skills needed to be independent, something many have never enjoyed before.

The training covers a number of different topics and is tailored to the needs and abilities of each learner.

These topics include:

- Personal safety
- Road safety
- How to plan a journey
- How to access public transport
- Learning routes and landmarks
- What to do if things go wrong
- Emergency situations

The team of Liberty Travel Trainers are subject to criminal record checks and are fully trained to deliver the free service. Full risk assessments are carried out for every route.

