



Dave McDonald, Chairman of Aberdeen Disability Consortium maps out the route for bus driver April Hutchinson.



Dave McDonald, Stevie McCrae, Aberdeen City Council, and Ben Gilligan, First's Operations Director

# Leaflet is just the ticket for disability groups

DISABILITY groups in Aberdeen are set to benefit from a new leaflet aimed at highlighting accessible services across the Granite City.

Aberdeen Disability Consortium came up with the idea of the Accessible Aberdeen leaflet after Chairman Dave McDonald read a similar leaflet during a trip to New Zealand.

Dave said: "I was impressed with an Accessible Wellington leaflet during a trip to New Zealand, which detailed the range of services accessible to disabled people either living in or visiting the city. When I returned I got in touch with Aberdeen City Council and First to help design, produce and give financial backing to the initiative."

Dave worked closely with staff at the Horizons Rehabilitation Centre to get the right information in the A2-sized leaflet and to make the design as user-friendly as possible. DisabledGo, a group which provides information on various British cities, were also involved in the process and their website [www.disabledgo.info](http://www.disabledgo.info) gives people even more information about services in Aberdeen.

Ben Gilligan, First in Aberdeen's Operations Director, said: "We were delighted to be able to help with this important information exercise."

Now 5,000 leaflets are being distributed at various outlets in the city, including First's reception at the King Street depot and in First Aberdeen's Travel Centre. The map and information will also eventually be available on the council's iKiosks.

Dave McDonald said: "This has been a long-term project and it is great that so many organisations have come together to make it a reality. This will be a great resource for both local people and visitors alike in helping make Aberdeen accessible to all."

More information on services is also available from the Aberdeen Consortium of Voluntary Organisations ([www.acvo.org.uk](http://www.acvo.org.uk)), Aberdeen Action on Disability ([www.aad.nildram.co.uk](http://www.aad.nildram.co.uk)) or Horizons Rehabilitation Centre ([www.horizonsgrampian.co.uk](http://www.horizonsgrampian.co.uk))