



Access Audits - Girls Day School Trust

Client: Girls Day School Trust

Site: Various across UK

Offer: Access audits

Overview

Evans Jones was originally appointed in 2003 to carry out Access Audits of the trust's school portfolio of 26 separate sites. In 2013 we were then appointed to update all audit reports including additional audits where new buildings had been constructed, acquired or existing buildings completely refurbished.



Challenges

Given the number of sites the challenge was to ensure consistent interpretation of the Equality Act and recommendations to the client. To achieve this we used a small team of in house trained auditors.

Working with the client we devised a three month programme for inspections.



Results

We completed all audits and updates within the three month period. Results were then presented within a month of completion.

As part of the update exercise we were able to demonstrate on behalf of the client that they had achieved improvements since the initial inspection in accordance with their Accessibility Plans thus demonstrating their compliance with the education provision of the Equality Act 2010 for pre-16 providers.

Subsequent to completion of the project we also provided in house Access training to the GDST property team.



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