Inclusive travel & stay at YHA Israel



Summary

IYHA hostels are accessible for various groups: kids, old people, differently abled people etc. It's very important to us to make it possible for everyone to travel around and visit the hostels and the country without letting their handicap stop them. IYHA is in a

middle of a long term process that will make all hostels available and accessible. Today all hostels have some handicap rooms, most public areas are accessible, educational programs are physical accessible, receptions has various accessibility aids and all workers were trained to give accessible service.

In Ein Gedi hostel we've built lately a special wing for hosting large groups of differently abled people with serious handicaps. For example, these 18 rooms were built with wide doors, beds and sinks lowered for people in wheelchairs and so are the tables in the dining room. This wing got in March 2017 an award "Simcha Lustig Access Israel Accessibility Award" for its accessibility level (at the end of the file you can find some photos from the wing).

Economic

Hostels open for all



Social

Inclusive initiative

Community development

Environmental

Low-impact activities

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Concrete features:

- In every YHA Israel hostel at least some of the rooms are suitable for differently abled people.
- Public areas are accessible for strollers and wheelchairs
- Sound kits for hearing problems in the receptions
- Special marks for blinds near the stairs and in public areas
- Subtitles in our educational programs movies
- Simple language text in several of our educational programs.
- All workers were trained to give accessible service.



Reach: National/ International



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