

## **Accessibility Statement for The Real Birth Workshop**

The Real Birth Company strongly believes that all pregnant women regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, or socio-economic background should have access to the same level of positive, factual and evidence-based information to support them in making the right decisions for themselves and their babies. We are committed to providing accessible antenatal education to all who need it and have designed our website to accommodate all levels of ability and the different digital technologies currently available. We are constantly working to improve user experience whilst ensuring we prioritize adherence to available standards and guidelines

The Real Birth Workshop currently offers the following accessibility functions:

- Text reflows up to 200% zoomed in (the maximum amount)
- The ability to change font size, font colour & background colour and a video guide on how to use these features
- Navigation of the entire website using just a keyboard
- Full functionality of the workshop on all current mobile device operating systems
- Program availability in Portrait and Landscape modes

The workshop has been written in an easily understandable style with common phraseology and in eight humanly translated languages.

The workshop also contains a list of references available to users providing them with access to alternative sources of reputable information.

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 are government guidelines which provide guidance and recommendations on how to implement easily accessible content for those who may experience difficulties. By following these guidelines, we hope to ensure the Real Birth Workshop is as user friendly as possible.

Our ORCHA evaluated Workshop is fully compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 AA standard and is partially compliant with the updated 2.1 AA standard guidelines.

The following issues are currently being addressed:

- Images are missing ALT text
- Videos do not have subtitles in all languages but not an alternative transcript available

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

Our team will continue working to seek out and implement solutions ensuring our workshop is as user friendly as possible but if you experience any issues or wish to suggest a helpful feature to us, please complete the user feedback form at the end of Module 7 or feel free to contact us through our contact page.

We do offer services such as accessible PDF or braille versions by request of the workshop that can be sent directly to the user. We do provide a text relay service for people who are D/deaf, hearing impaired or have a speech impediment.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, please contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

### **Technical information about this website's accessibility**

The Real Birth Company is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. Compliance status.

This website is majority compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Version 2.1 AA standard, due to not currently meeting Section 2.5.3.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Section 2.5.3 is the only guideline that we do not currently meet, as all our images do not have a text alternative so that people who use a screen reader can access the information. We will be implementing text alternatives for all images in the Real Birth Workshop by September 2024.

### **Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 03.08.2022. It was last reviewed on 17.07.2023

This website was last tested on 17.07.2023. The test was carried out internally.

The tests were carried out on all of our live pages.