

## **Episode 9 - Accessibility news**

### **Broadway is Bringing Theatre to a Neuro Diverse Audience**

As previously mentioned on episode 2 of this podcast, for years, Broadway shows have welcomed audience with different types of disabilities. Lately, the theatre Development Fund has worked with Broadway's theaters and producers to organize 6 performances a year that are autism-friendly. The producers alter their shows by decreasing the auditory and visual stimuli, either reducing or eliminating loud or sudden noises and avoiding or removing sudden light changes, bright lights and any strobe effects. The auditorium lights are dimmed and the auditorium is never in total darkness. The theaters also provide quiet break out areas where people can go if they need a quiet break from the show. These performances are only open to neuro diverse people and their families.

Link to the news: <https://wheeliegoodtravelcompany.com/my-blog/f/how-broadway-is-bringing-theatre-to-a-neuro-diverse-audience/>

### **Wheelchair accessible taxis to be in service in Hong Kong**

SynCap Taxi company in Hong Kong has announced a trial project that will last from 4 to 6 months that will deploy 2 wheelchair accessible taxis in the city. The models will be Nissan Serena e-Power adapted taxis with convertible seats and an adjustable ramp. After the trial period, a total of 100 vehicles are expected to be introduced.

Link to the news: <https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/195557/Wheelchair-friendly-taxis-to-be-in-service>