

Accessibility Statement: Cosy Pride

General accessibility

There's a lift to all floors and wide doorways.

As the venue is pedestrianised there is no parking on site. The nearest Blue Badge parking is on Charles Street (approx 130m from the venue) although spaces here are limited. There is general on street parking on Union street (approx 200m walk from the venue).

The nearest council car parks are Cornmarket (3 disabled bays, approx 350m walk to the venue), St Martin's Gate (24 disabled bays, multistory with lifts, approx 350m from the venue via overpass accessed on level 2) and Providence Street car park (3 disabled bays, approx 500-550m walk from the venue). Copenhagen Street is also nearby (4 disabled bays, approx 260m from the venue) but has a steep slope.

There is a wheelchair accessible toilet on the 1st floor, although this is not a Changing Places toilet. The nearest Changing Places toilets are at Cornmarket Car park (approx 350m walk to venue, Radar key needed, 20p charge, open 10am-4pm) and The Hive Library (approx 700m, free, open 8.30am - 10pm, on floor 1, access available on request from library staff).

We do not have Braille copies of printed information, but volunteers are available to provide information about the event at our information stall in front of the venue, at the badge stall in the main hall and at the cafe.

Cafe/Balcony

There is a step onto the balcony so this is unfortunately not wheelchair accessible, but there is plenty of accessible seating inside for the cafe.

Main hall/stalls

The main hall is large, although there may still be crowds which could be difficult for some disabled people to navigate.

We've left wide walkways around the stalls to try and avoid crowding as much as possible.

Workshops

Workshop rooms are smaller but we've also tried to leave walkways around tables, if you need a particular space due to access needs priority will be given.

Some workshops include dexterity tasks which could be challenging to those with limited fine motor skills.

Performances, Bingo & Karaoke

The Sanctuary where these take place is level access, although there is a moderate slope into/out of the room which some manual wheelchair users may find challenging unaided.

There's accessible seating at the front of the performances, bingo & karaoke room. Friends, Carers and Companions are welcome to sit with disabled people in the accessible area. We may have to limit this to 2 per person if demand for accessible spaces is high, although we will do our best to keep groups together if possible.

There are no bright or strobe lights used in any performances, but loud music may be difficult for those with sensory issues. We do have a quiet room available for those who need a break.

Unfortunately we do not have BSL interpreters for performances at this year's event. The accessible area is close to and directly facing the stage for lip reading.

We do not have audio description at this year's event.