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**Leicester Comedy Festival and The
UK Kids' Comedy Festival
Access Guide 2024**

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Welcome to the Leicester Comedy Festival and UK Kids' Comedy Festival Access Guide 2024!

This guide contains access information for all venues participating at Leicester Comedy Festival and The UK Kids' Comedy Festival 2024.

Some tips for using the guide:

1. All of the venues are listed in the contents for this guide. The name of the venue is linked to the part of the guide that contains information for that venue. Click on it to go straight to that venue.
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45 West

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- The venue has unfixed seating

Aldwinckles Coffee House

- There is a step to get into the property for which they have a ramp
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

- The performance space is wheelchair accessible
- The toilet is upstairs
- Aldwinckles is small but is accessible with consideration from other guests

Attenborough Arts Centre

Attenborough Arts Centre offers opportunities to everyone to participate without barriers in ways that challenge and inspire. Its welcoming 120-seater performance area, art studios, extensive exhibition gallery and bright foyer space enable people to engage with the arts as audiences, performers and learners.

As the University of Leicester's arts centre, Attenborough Arts Centre is open to all, providing a focal point for cultural life for the wider community as well as staff and students. Still one of the few arts venues in the UK that can boast a fully-accessible facility, the design of the Attenborough Arts Centre building promotes equality rather than separation or difference with all visitors and users sharing the same pathways, entrances, fire exits and rooms.

The hall provides high-quality acoustics and a hearing loop is available. Assistance and guide dogs are welcome. They provide a free ticket for a personal assistant accompanying a disabled person.

Beaumont Leys Library

The library is all on one level and has a wide entrance, an induction loop and an accessible toilet. They also have a large text keyboard and trackball mouse.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- The performance space is wheelchair accessible for performers
- The venue has a hearing loop
- Seating is unfixed

Belgrave Library

The library is all on one level and has disabled parking, a wide entrance and an accessible toilet. They also have a large text keyboard and trackball mouse.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- The performance space is wheelchair accessible
- Seating is unfixed

Bond Street Distillery

There are two spiral staircases to get to the performance areas - staff are trained to support if necessary.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- There is an accessible bathroom
- The seating is cabaret style at tables

Curve

- The venue offers programme information in additional accessible formats
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- The performance space is accessible for wheelchair users
- The venue is wheelchair accessible
- The venue has accessible wheelchairs
- There is step free access into the venue

De Montfort Hall

There is level access on the ground floor to the auditorium, box office, bars, kiosk, public seating areas, accessible toilets and Changing Places facility. There is lift access to the first floor circle bars, circle seating and accessible toilet.

The box office and Victoria Suite bar have low-level accessible counters.

There are certain seats within the auditorium that are accessible for wheelchair users, these are located in the Right Circle and Flat Stalls. All other seating areas will involve steps. Customers should contact the box office to discuss their requirements and to book.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- The venue has a hearing loop - Customers using a hearing aid with a 'T' switch can collect a receiver and loop prior to a performance from the box office
- The venue has reserved accessible parking - Blue badge holders can park in the grounds of the Hall by booking one of the 16 spaces in advance - simply ring (0116 233 3111) or e-mail the box office
- At present it isn't possible for wheelchair users to book their tickets using the on-line booking system. If you would like to make a booking and a member of your party is a wheelchair user, please e-mail dmh.tickets@leicester.gov.uk with your contact details and the venue will get in touch with you to ensure that all of your needs are catered for

Duffy's Bar

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- There is a small step at the main entrance to the venue - wheelchair users can access the venue via the yard door to the right of the venue. This access is over uneven cobbles

- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

East Street Lanes

The venue has a step at the front door but has an access ramp at reception to assist entry. There is a fixed disabled ramp up to the lanes, low access to one side of the bar and an accessible toilet on ground level.

- The venue has step free access
- There is on-street parking at the venue which can be used by permit holders
- Seating is unfixed

Evington Library

The library is all on one level and has disabled parking, a wide entrance, an induction loop and an accessible toilet. We also have a large text keyboard and track ball mouse.

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Wheelchair users enter the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has a hearing loop
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Firebug

There are 3 steps to Firebug's main entrance, with step free access to the venue available via the side entrance on Pocklington's Walk. However, there is no step free access to the performance area, which is accessed via a flight of stairs.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

Foxtan Village Hall

- The venue is wheelchair accessible
- There is ramped access from the car park from the right hand side of the Village Hall
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Grays LCB Depot

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Wheelchair users enter the venue through the main entrance
- There is an accessible bathroom
- Grays has reserved accessible parking for the Courtyard venue
- There is on-street parking available for use by permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Harborough Culture Cafe at Louisa's Place

Main area is wheelchair accessible, but there is a small step down to the toilets, which are not wheelchair friendly.

Please ring Louisa's Place on 01858 322024 if you will be using a wheelchair, so that they can discuss the best way to make the event enjoyable for you.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Harborough Market Hall

All venue access is flat and even. The entrance to the venue is on St Mary's Place. If parking in the adjacent car park, attendees will need to walk around the building to the entrance. Anyone with specific access needs can request access from the car park if they find walking difficult. Please contact the venue in advance.

- There is an accessible bathroom - please note that some larger electric mobility scooters may not be able to turn sufficiently when inside the cubicle, but can reverse in. There is also a separate accessible bathroom on the first floor for performers, which is accessed via a lift
- The adjacent car park is a public car park with clearly marked disabled spaces. These are available on a first come first served basis. The car park is free after 6pm. Other car parks in the town can be found [here](#)
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Highfields Library

The library is all on one level and has disabled parking, a wide entrance and an accessible toilet. They also have a large text keyboard and track ball mouse.

- The library is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Wheelchair users enter at the main entrance
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

Joe Orton Square

- The venue is an outdoor meeting space
- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Wheelchair users enter the venue via the main entrance
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

Just the Tonic at Hansom Hall - The Big Room

- The venue is wheelchair accessible

- Wheelchair users access the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom

Kayal

- The venue is upstairs and does not have a lift to access the performance space

Kibworth Grammar School Hall

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- People using wheelchairs access the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has a hearing loop
- There is an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking and there is on-street parking available for people who have permits
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

King Richard III Pub

- The venue is wheelchair accessible
- The venue has an accessible bathroom

King Richard III Visitor Centre

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- There is on-street parking available to permit holders - the closest ones to the venue are on Greyfriars and Applegate
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Knight & Garter

- The venue does not have step free access
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Leicester Central Library

The library is on two floors, accessible via a lift or stairs. It has a wide front entrance with an accessible entrance with a ramp adjacent to the main entrance. There is an accessible toilet on the ground floor for use with a Radar key. They also have large keyboards and trackballs.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Menphys

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- People using wheelchairs enter through the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- There is on-street parking available for permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

Mountsorrel Memorial Centre

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Wheelchair users access the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has a hearing loop
- The venue has an accessible bathroom

New Parks Library

The library is all on one level and has a wide entrance, an induction loop and an accessible toilet. They also have a large text keyboard and track ball mouse.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Newmarket

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- People using a wheelchair can access the venue through the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Oadby Royal British Legion

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Wheelchair users enter the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- There is on-street parking available for permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Peter Pizzeria

- The venue has stairs at its entrance
- The performance venue is upstairs and does not have a lift or elevator to access it

Phoenix

Phoenix has a “Changing Places” facility; this includes an accessible toilet, moveable privacy screen, height adjustable sink and bed, hoist and a baby changing unit. Please ask at the Box Office for the radar key to access our “Changing Places” room.

Reroll Board Game Cafe

- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed
- The venue is not wheelchair accessible or step free

Sue Townsend Theatre

- The venue is wheelchair accessible
- People using wheelchairs enter the building via the main entrance
- The venue has a hearing loop
- There is an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

The Big Difference

- The venue is partially accessible, however only on the middle floor. The performance space is downstairs and there is no ramp, lift or elevator.
- There is an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

The Birch Tree

- The venue is wheelchair accessible, the performance space is not
- The venue has step free access
- Those using wheelchairs access the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

The Cradock Arms

- The venue is wheelchair accessible
- The venue has some stairs, but has a ramp they can put out for step free access
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

The Fox and Soar

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Those using wheelchairs access the venue via the main entrance
- There is an accessible bathroom, with a separate accessible bathroom for performers
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- There is on-street accessible parking available for people with permits
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

The Globe

- Shows at The Globe take place upstairs and there is not a ramp, lift or elevator
- There is an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

The Guildhall

- The performance space is wheelchair accessible for performers
- The venue is partially wheelchair accessible - the ground floor has step free access
- There is an accessible bathroom, with a separate accessible bathroom for performers
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

The Little Theatre

There is a lift from the ground floor to the auditorium. Space for two wheelchairs; adjacent seats for escorts. Early booking is advisable. Concessions for wheelchair users and other Registered Disabled and for one escort. Wheelchair transfer: chair to seat, limited in number by the wheelchair storage space available. Wheelchair and wheelchair transfer patrons need to be available half an hour before the start of performance. Guide dogs are welcome.

Please contact the Box Office for full details of facilities.

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- People using wheelchairs access the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has a hearing loop
- There is an accessible bathroom
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

The Mash

- The venue does not have step free access
- There is on-street parking available for people with permits
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

- Seating is unfixed

The Musician

The venue is all on one level, including the disabled toilet so is fully accessible. It is possible to reserve seats even for standing events as there is some permanent seating within the venue. The venue is located on a one-way street - best accessed via Humberstone Gate and turning right onto Clyde Street, the venue will then be seen at the end of the street.

- People using wheelchairs access the venue via the main entrance
- There is on-street parking for permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating type is mixed

The Octagonal Theatre

- The venue is wheelchair accessible for audience members and has step free access
- People using wheelchairs access the venue through the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom, with a separate accessible bathroom for performers
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

The Pharmacie Arms

- The venue has stairs and there is no ramp, lift or elevator on site
- There is an accessible bathroom
- There is on-street parking available for permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

The Real Ale Classroom

- Shows are situated in the downstairs basement bar, so access is limited
- There is an accessible bathroom at the venue

The Y Theatre

The stalls have step-free access from the street with a loading bay in front of the entrance for drop off. The balcony does not have step-free access but the venue holds a number of seats in the stalls for access purposes should you need them. East Street has an incline heading up the road from the train station. There is a loading bay in front of the entrance for pick-up and drop off, and the Theatre Bar and Stalls have step-free access from the street.

For full accessibility info please visit <https://ytheatre.co.uk/your-visit/accessibility/>

- The venue has a hearing loop
- There is an accessible bathroom - currently the accessible toilet is accessed from the Theatre Bar, but there are bathrooms backstage that may suit some artists' needs
- There is on-street parking at the venue for permit holders

- The venue offers programme information in an accessible PDF format on their website
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is mixed

Upstairs at the Western

Upstairs At The Western theatre is situated on the first floor of The Western pub, a Victorian building, which has step free access to the ground floor, garden and toilets.

The theatre is accessed by means of internal stairs, and the emergency exit is via an enclosed staircase to the pub garden. Both staircases are of good step and tread, and have handrails but there is no lift in the pub.

The venue wants as many people as possible to enjoy the intimate and immersive atmosphere of the theatre and as such they take all possible steps to accommodate people with restricted mobility or vision loss.

This includes providing people (and carers) with early and unhurried access to the auditorium before shows start, a choice of seating, helping people up and down the stairs and arranging for refreshments to be fetched from the bar.

Where required, a personal evacuation plan is agreed with people in advance and a member of the theatre staff is assigned to be with and take responsibility for the person if the evacuation alarm sounds.

- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue

Waltham on the Wolds Village Hall

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- People using wheelchairs access the venue via the main entrance
- The venue has a hearing loop
- There is an accessible bathroom, with a separate accessible bathroom for performers
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- There is on-street parking available for permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Warning Zone Life Skills Centre

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- There is an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Wycliffe Rooms

- The venue is wheelchair accessible and has step free access
- Those using wheelchairs enter through the main entrance
- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- The venue has reserved accessible parking
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed

Wygston's House

- The venue has an accessible bathroom
- There is on-street parking available for use by permit holders
- Assistance dogs are allowed in the venue
- Seating is unfixed