



## **Access Statement Information for disabled delegates**

We welcome disabled delegates to the Showcase and will do our best to meet your access requirements.

Please note the following and contact us if we can be of assistance.

### **Registering for the showcase**

You can register for the XTRAX showcase by downloading the word document online: [www.xtrax.org.uk](http://www.xtrax.org.uk)

The registration form is available in **large print formats** which can be printed, completed and sent to XTRAX by post, fax or email. If you would prefer a member of the XTRAX staff to complete the registration form with you over the phone please contact our office on:

**[Tel:]** 0161 227 8383 **[Email:]** [nicole@xtrax.org.uk](mailto:nicole@xtrax.org.uk) **[Fax :]** 0161 342 0741

We regret we do not have a text phone.

### **Delegate Information**

Most information about the showcase programme including details of the artists performing, the timetable, hotel information and maps can be found on the website. This information is available in large print which we can email or post within 5 days or less of your request; we will try to provide other alternative formats as quickly as possible on request.

On arrival at the showcase all delegates are provided with a leaflet containing information about all the artists presenting work and a list of other delegates. If you would like a large print or alternative format of this document please contact us in advance.

### **Getting there**

The central Zircus Plus festival performances take place in Barrow Park with fringe a few shows taking place in the town centre. The park is a 2 minute car journey from the train station or a 5min walk.

A limited number of car parking spaces can be made available in the Park for delegates with mobility impairments, which is adjacent to the performing area. Please book your Car Park place 2 weeks prior to the event to ensure availability – by Friday 14 May.

Taxis can drop disabled delegates at the Car Park area, which is accessed via Park Avenue this is also the best entrance for wheelchair users not coming by car. If you are arriving by public transport and would like advice or assistance on getting to the Festival sites please contact the office prior to the showcase.

### **Delegate Facilities**

Accessible toilets will be located around the park site.

The Duke of Edinburgh Hotel will be home to the reception and delegate networking events, it is an accessible building with disabled toilets.

### **Access to Showcase performances**

The performances take place at various locations around the park which has a variety of surfaces including flat, uneven and sloping surfaces, and some hard surfaces. In wet weather the grassy surfaces may become slippery or muddy. Many of the performances are mobile performances which can be enjoyed from a single static vantage point. If you have specific access requirements please contact XTRAX before the showcase and we will do our best to help. The festival is open to the general public as well as registered delegates. We will provide priority vantage points for disabled delegates and helpers – please inform us if you would like us to guarantee your viewing areas.

### **BSL**

We will provide BSL interpretation of talks and discussions for showcase delegates if required. Please inform us by May 4<sup>th</sup> if you require this service so that we can book appropriate interpreters.

Most of the performances are highly visual and many do not contain any text, although many use live or recorded music. We regret that we are unable to provide BSL interpretation for the shows that do use text. We are working with others in the sector to encourage artists to create outdoor performances that are accessible to deaf and disabled audiences

### **Induction Loops**

As the performances all take place outside we are unable to provide induction loops.

### **Charging Electric Wheelchairs**

If you know that you will need to charge your electric wheelchair at the festival, if possible please contact us beforehand to make arrangements so that we can ensure that you are not kept waiting.

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