

Fringe By The Sea

Accessibility Policy & Information

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Our commitment to delivering an accessible festival

The team at Fringe By The Sea believe everyone should have the opportunity to experience the creative arts performances and events that are part of the festival.

We are committed to ensuring our events are accessible to as wide an audience as possible by considering accessibility at every stage from planning through to festival delivery.

Our accessibility approach is informed by guides from Unlimited Impact and Event Scotland.

Our staff and volunteers are given training on accessibility, and a key point of contact for accessibility is assigned during the festival.

We welcome requests and queries about accessibility ahead of the festival at info@fringebythesea.com

Accessibility information

- Our venues and facilities

In accordance with legislation under the Equality Act, we make reasonable adjustments to our venues so that there are no physical barriers stopping or making it unreasonably difficult for wheelchair users or people with access requirements to use the services.

We have a number of new festival zones for 2021. All areas are hilly and feature narrow pavements typical of small Scottish coastal towns.

Each festival zone is wheelchair accessible and offers accessible toilet facilities. Designated areas within each zone are offered to wheelchair users and people with additional accessibility requirements.

Assistant dogs are welcome in each zone.

A detailed map highlighting the location of accessible toilets, wheelchair access and seating will be available.

- Around town/journey to the festival

The town is generally hilly and features narrow pavements typical of small Scottish seaside towns. Pavement areas have been widened to make additional space for social distancing in line with Covid-19 regulations.

Beach Wheelchairs is a charity in North Berwick which offers wheelchairs suitable for use on the beach for adults and children.

Euan's Guide offers a disabled access review to North Berwick and some of the attractions in the town: <https://www.euansguide.com/reviews/scotland/east-lothian/north-berwick/>

Blue Badge car parking is available in North Berwick however car parking is generally limited in the town so we would advise planning ahead: www.northberwickparking.org.uk

North Berwick is well served by bus and rail services www.eastcoastbuses.co.uk and www.scotrail.co.uk

- Ticketing

Complimentary personal assistant tickets are available for those people who are unable to attend without a personal assistant. Requests for a complimentary ticket should be made at least 24 hours in advance to info@fringebythesea.com

- Information & signage

We welcome requests and queries about access at info@fringebythesea.com and endeavour to help with all accessibility requests.

Accessible format information about venues, facilities and our programme is available in large print and Word format text.

- Performances

We offer relaxed performances for families with young children.

A number of our events are signed, captioned and audio described. This information is marked on our programme. We have limited access to accessibility equipment which can be booked in advance by contacting access@fringebythesea.com

We provide a dedicated zone for 13-18 year olds to experience creative arts.

We aim to offer online streaming of a number of our events to widen access to those who may not be able to/wish to attend in person.