



Fringe Central

at Grassmarket Community Project Venue access guide



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Information

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Welcome from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society warmly welcomes you to join us at Fringe Central.

At Fringe Central we offer support on all aspects of participating in the Fringe and practical services for those visiting it, such as access to printing and free Wi-Fi.

Services for artists, arts industry and media are located within one central and accessible space. **Fringe Central is an artists' home away from home during August**, a place where artists participating in the Fringe can meet, prepare, chat and relax.

This guide has been created to provide information about the building and facilities provided, especially for those who may have additional access or support requirements. Should you need more information or assistance please contact us using the information on page 2.

Location:

**The Grassmarket
Community Project**
86 Candlemaker
Row, Edinburgh
EH1 2QA



**Fringe Central services are open from
Wednesday 30 July 2025 to Monday 25 August 2025
from 10:00 to 17:00, seven days per week**

Fringe Central participants have access to the majority of the building, with the exception of Grassmarket Community Projects offices and wood workshop. All areas open to artists will be signposted appropriately.

Our staff are located on the ground and first floor of the building, based in the spaces outlined below.

Our Fringe Central reception team can answer any enquiries and are situated at the building's entrance.



The main hall where events take place is located directly behind the reception desk. When an event is not happening, artists are welcome to use this space to relax and work.



The Artist Services Team can be found on the ground floor along the corridor to the left of the entrance.



The Arts Industry and Media Officess can be found up the stairs on the first floor. A lift is available for those with additional access requirements, more details on access to the lift can be found on page 10.

Fringe Central can get very busy, so if you find the noise and buzz of the space too much at any point, feel free to ask a member of our team to point you towards the quiet bench at the top of the stairs on the 1st floor. There is also a quiet space in the counselling room which is managed by our partners Health in Mind and is available to use out with their support sessions. Please check in with the Health in Mind team before entering the space.

The entrance to this doorway is 82cm x 197.5cm

The **quiet spaces** have sunglasses and ear defenders available to borrow and a variety of fidget and sensory aids available to take away.



Fringe Central is also working in partnership with **Health in Mind** to provide mental health support throughout the festival to Fringe participants and can be found in the Artist Services office.



Grassmarket Community Project has its own on-site cafe restaurant, **Coffee Saints** situated in the pavilion on the right side upon entering.

Please note, cafe seating in the pavilion can be used by Fringe participants, but the cafe's customers will be given priority. Allergens will be clearly listed.

Grassmarket Community Project offers a 20% discount for any Fringe passholders from the full Coffee Saints menu (Grassmarket Centre location only). To redeem this offer, show your pass to a member of staff at the till and the discount will be applied.

The Grassmarket Community Project

The Grassmarket Community Project, a partnership between the Grassmarket Mission and Greyfriars Kirk, is about supporting people through transitions in their lives and re-connecting disengaged people.

The Grassmarket Community Project is an events and performance space with a community cafe. All proceeds from the cafe and event hire go to supporting vulnerable and isolated adults.

They also run a programme of educational, health, cultural and practical courses, and show free films every week as well as host public events, art displays and activities.

They can be directly contacted through:

Telephone: 0131 225 3626

Email: info@grassmarket.org

More information about the Grassmarket Community Project is available at **grassmarket.org**.



Public transport

The Grassmarket Community Project is situated in the Grassmarket area of Edinburgh's Old Town.

Arriving by train



The nearest railway station is **Edinburgh Waverley**, situated by Waverley Bridge. It is approximately 10 minutes' walk from Edinburgh Waverley to the Grassmarket Community Project.

More information about Edinburgh Waverley railway station is available at **networkrail.co.uk**

The following rail networks provide local and national services to Edinburgh Waverley:

- **Scotrail**
- **crosscountrytrains.co.uk**

Arriving by bus



Regular buses are available from various locations to Edinburgh city centre.

The nearest bus stops are located:

- outside the Petit Paris restaurant (a three-minute walk along Grassmarket) for the number 2
- on Forrest Road (a four-minute walk past Greyfriars Kirkyard) for numbers 2, 9, 23, 27, 35 and 45.

More information on bus times can be found at:

- **[Lothian Buses](#)**
- **[Accessibility - Lothian Buses](#)**

Arriving by taxi



A **taxi rank** is situated on 1 Grassmarket, Old Town, Edinburgh, EH1 2HY

Edinburgh taxi cabs:

- **[City Cabs](#)**
Telephone: 0131 228 1211
- **[Central Taxis](#)** - Edinburgh
Telephone: 0131 229 2468

Further Edinburgh taxi service providers can be found online.

Arriving by car / car parking



There is some metered parking available in the Grassmarket, which charges £7.20 an hour and has a maximum stay of four hours. Paid parking is operational Monday to Saturday 08:30 – 18:30 and Sunday 12:30 – 18:30.

The nearest car park is **Castle Terrace NCP**. Castle Terrace has 750 spaces and charges **£11.90 for two hours**. They are open 24 hours and have no maximum stay.

Arriving on foot



The quickest route walking from Waverley Station is as follows:

Take the main exit out of Waverley Station up the ramp. Turn left at the top of the ramp, and at the mini roundabout turn right up the hill. At the top of the road turn left onto the Mound and continue on that road until the crossroads with the Royal Mile. Cross straight over the crossroads and continue along George IV Bridge, passing the libraries on both sides.

Look out for the Greyfriars Bobby statue on the right-hand side and head down Candlemaker Row behind it. **Grassmarket Community Project is on the left-hand side, by the mini roundabout, in a glass-fronted building set back from the main road.**

Entrance

A ramp is provided at the main entrance on a slight slope.

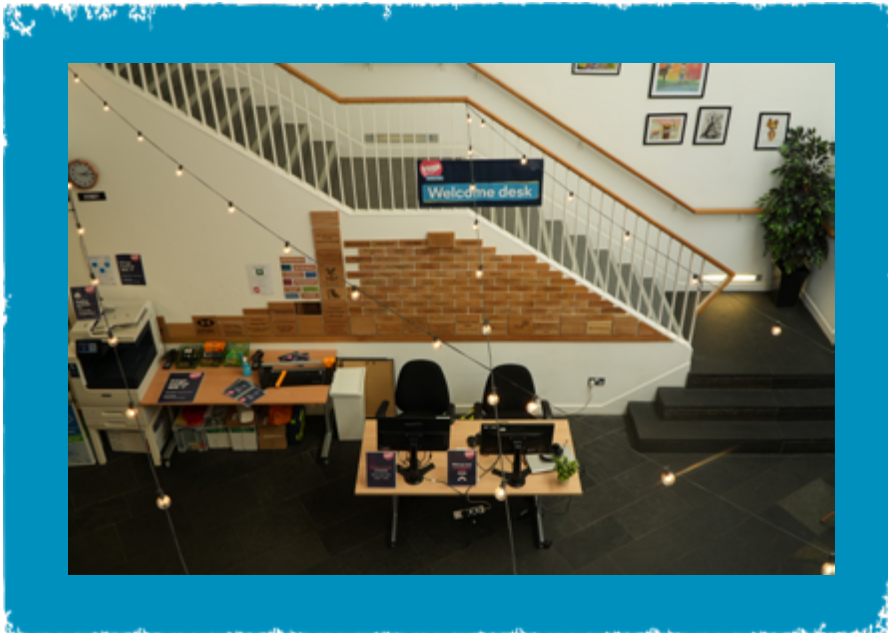
The building's entrance is through a double set of doors at least 136cm wide and 230cm tall. There is no electronic access to the building through this door. One door is propped open throughout the summer months, however if you require a wider access route and the second door opened, the cafe team will come and assist you (the entrance is within the eye line of the cafe counter).



Reception

The reception desk is located on the ground floor in the wide foyer area.
A member of our team will greet you on arrival. You'll be able to recognize our staff by their yellow lanyards and blue branded t-shirts and hoodies.

The reception area is situated in an open space where there is ample room to manoeuvre.



Corridors and doors

Corridors are a minimum of 136cm wide.

Doors vary in width, the minimum measurements of doors through the building are 81cm wide by 204cm tall.



Lift, stairs and steps

An access **lift** is available for those with additional access requirements. **The lift is accessible by acquiring the key from the reception desk on the ground floor.**

The lift has a weight limit of 500kg and is 143cm x 110cm. The entry door is 90cm wide. The lift is equipped with tactile buttons and audio assistance. When in the lift, you are required to hold the button for the full time you are in motion. Please note there is a sudden thud when the lift first moves.



The **stairwell** provides access to the second floor and can be reached from the reception foyer. There are handrails on both sides.

The maximum number of steps to the second floor is 20. There is a small landing after the first three steps and after the next nine. The stairwells are well lit.

Toilets

On the ground floor there are two toilet blocks, one which contains two urinals and one cubicle, the other containing four cubicles.

The entrance door is at least 69cm wide x 202cm tall.



Three gender-neutral toilets are located on the first floor which are all single cubicle toilets. The entry to these bathrooms is at least 69cm wide by 202cm tall. The single cubicle bathrooms are 160cm x 108cm.

Accessible toilets are located both on the ground floor and the first floor, and the accessible toilet on the ground floor also has baby changing facilities.



- **The upstairs accessible toilet entrance door is 79cm wide x 203cm tall.**
The room measures 225cm x 183cm.
- **The downstairs accessible toilet has an entrance door which is 79.3cm wide and 203cm tall.**

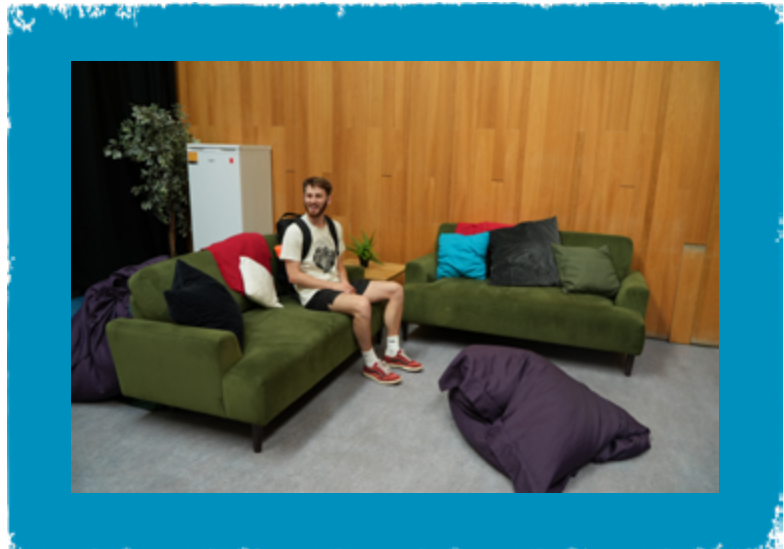
The room measures 207cm x 262cm.

Hand dryers can be found in all the toilets. Paper towels are available upon request from the Fringe Central reception desk.

Communication support

The large hall on the ground floor is our event space and as a space for artists when events are not happening.

The event space is equipped with audio-visual equipment and has hearing loop assistance.



Free encrypted guest Wi-Fi

Network: FringeCentral

Password: UnleashYourFringe!

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are always welcome.

Grassmarket Community Project has a water bowl in their courtyard which is refilled regularly.

We can also provide bowls for dogs on request from the reception.

The closest dog exercise facilities are in Greyfriars Kirkyard immediately behind the building.



Emergency exits



Emergency exits are located as follows:

- **Back door in the woodwork workshop** onto Greyfriars Kirkyard then down steps to Candlemaker Row.
- **Back door on ground floor corridor** out to access walkway to front of the building then onto Candlemaker Row.
- **Fire exit door on first floor corridor** out to access walkway to front of the building then onto Candlemaker Row.
- **Front fire exit doors to courtyard** then onto Candlemaker Row.
- **Main entrance and exit doors to courtyard** then onto Candlemaker Row.
- **Old Kirkhouse door to Candlemaker Row** (will need to be unlocked using internal knob, no key is required).
- **Pavillion doors to courtyard** then onto Candlemaker Row.



An evacuation assist chair is available on the first floor area outside the woodwork workshop.

Fire assembly point



The assembly point is Lackdhu art shop on Candlemaker Row.

