



Fringe Central

Venue access guide



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 – our newly refurbished home on Infirmary Street.



Fringe Central is where artists participating in the Fringe can meet, prepare, chat and relax during the festival. Our services for artists, arts industry and media are located within one central and accessible space.

This guide has been created to provide information about the building and its 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:

Fringe Central
6 Infirmary Street
Edinburgh
EH1 1HS



**Fringe Central artist services are open from
Wednesday 05 to Monday 31 August 2026,
from 10:00 to 17:00, seven days per week**

Fringe Central participants have access to the ground floor of the building, while industry and media professionals have access to the Industry and Media Office on the 1st floor. All areas open to participants are signposted appropriately.

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

Entrance



There are three ways to get into the building:

- a **step-free ramp** leading to the main doors
- access from nearby **accessible parking bays**
- **steps** at the front entrance.

Entrances include new timber-framed double-glazed doors, many with dropped sills to improve accessibility. The main entrance has wide double doors. **One is usually open, but if you need more space or help, staff nearby can assist.**

Reception

Reception is immediately inside the **main entrance**.

The reception area is open-plan with space for wheelchair users and has seating available nearby.



Our Fringe Central reception team can answer any enquiries and are situated at the building's entrance on the ground floor. A member of the team will greet you on arrival. You'll be able to recognise our staff by their **yellow lanyards**.



Corridors and doors

Doors on the ground floor vary in width.

- Many doors are around **900mm – 1,000mm wide**, which allows comfortable access.
- Some narrower doors are around **860mm – 736mm** wide at their tightest point.

Corridors throughout the building are wide, giving you plenty of room to move around comfortably.



Lifts, stairs and steps

There is a lift near the centre of the ground floor, located off the main corridor and close to the reception area. **The lift connects to upper levels and provides step-free access throughout the building.**

Lift features:

- step-free access
- designed for wheelchair users
- located off the main corridor.



There are also two staircases with handrails if you prefer to use stairs.



Toilets



All toilets are located on the ground floor and are easy to reach from the main areas.

Changing Places

Changing Places are accessible toilets with an adult-sized changing bench and hoist, for people who are unable to use a standard accessible toilet.

Our Changing Places toilet is accessible from the outside of the building, next to the main entrance, and is open from **10:00 – 17:00** for the duration of the Fringe.



Accessible toilet

The accessible toilet is located off the main corridor, near the central spaces. From reception, head into the main building corridor – staff can point you towards the quickest route.

This toilet:

- has **step-free** access
- is **designed for wheelchair users**
- has **space to move** around comfortably.

If you're unsure where to go, just ask at reception – a member of staff will be happy to show you the way.

Other toilets

On the ground floor beside the reception there is **one accessible toilet** and **two cubicle toilets, all unisex.**

There are a further three toilets beyond reception down the corridor:

- **one that's accessible**
- one with **three cubicles**
- one with **a cubicle** and **two urinals.**

There are also baby change facilities to the rear of the building.

These toilets are open until **15:45 daily.**

Event Space

The main hall where events take place is located on the right as you enter the building. When events are not taking place, participants are welcome to use this space to relax and work.



Participant co-working space

This space is located to the left of the building, just past the reception area.

This is a co-working space for participants, and will be open until **16:00 daily**.



Artist Services office

The Artist Services team is based on the ground floor and their office can be found through the doors on the far side of the event space.

Here, you can get advice and support from the team – **drop in for a chat between 10:00 and 17:00 daily**.



We're also working with Health in Mind to provide mental health support to Fringe participants throughout the festival – you can find members of their team in the **Artist Services office**.

Arts Industry and Media Office

The Arts Industry and Media Offices can be found upstairs on the first floor. A lift is available for those with additional access requirements (more info can be found on page 6.)



Here, industry and media professionals can collect their passes and get support from the team.

Quiet Room

Fringe Central can get very busy, so we've provided a quiet room if you find the noise and buzz of the space too much at any point.



The quiet room is located on the ground floor of Fringe Central, past reception and through the doors. Feel free to ask a member of our team to point you the quiet room.



Emergency exits

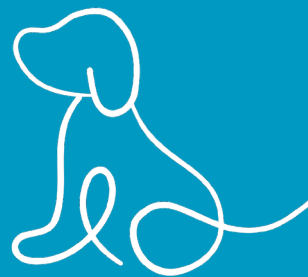


There are several emergency exits on the ground floor, all clearly signposted:

- the **main entrance / exit onto Infirmary Street**
- exits from the **west side** of the building
- exits from the **east side**
- additional external doors from rooms such as the **main event space**.

All exits lead out to safe outdoor areas around the building. Staff are trained to help guide you to the nearest exit if needed.

Assistance Dogs



Assistance dogs are always welcome in the building and in the surrounding courtyard area.

Free encrypted guest wifi



Network: FringeGuest
Password: MixItUp2026!

Fire assembly point



In the event of a fire alarm, people in Fringe Central are asked to evacuate to the fire assembly point. The assembly point is at the **top of Robertson's Close**, beside Mother India, on the opposite side of the street from Fringe Central.



Getting to Fringe Central

Please note: Edinburgh gets very busy during August – roads and public transport options are often congested, so the quickest way to get around town is usually on foot. The good news is that Edinburgh is also a very compact city and most venues are located within walking distance of each other, particularly in the Old Town around Fringe Central.

Arriving by train



The nearest railway station is **Edinburgh Waverley**, situated by Waverley Bridge. It is approximately a **10-minute walk** from Edinburgh Waverley to Fringe Central.

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](http://scotrail.co.uk)
- crosscountrytrains.co.uk

Arriving by bus



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

The nearest bus stops are located:

- on **South Bridge** (a two-minute walk) for a wide range of routes including numbers **2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 29, 30** and **33** on **Nicolson Street** (a three-minute walk) for routes including numbers **2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 29** and **49**.

You can find more information on bus times at Lothian Buses: lothianbuses.com

Accessibility information is available at: lothianbuses.com/accessibility/

Arriving by taxi



The nearest taxi drop-off point is on **Infirmity Street, EH1 1LT**, directly outside Fringe Central.

Edinburgh taxi cabs:

- **City Cabs**
(tel: 0131 228 1111)
- **Central Taxis**
(tel: 0131 229 2468)

Arriving by tram



Edinburgh Trams run from Edinburgh Airport to Newhaven, stopping at various points in the city centre.

Trams run frequently throughout the day, with services typically every 7–10 minutes. **Some dates in August will be impacted by city centre road closures, with changes to some routes and services. Please consult the trams and bus websites for the latest information, to plan your journey.**

The nearest tram stop to Fringe Central is **St Andrew Square**, which is approximately a **15-minute walk away**. From St Andrew Square, walk to Princes Street, turn right onto North Bridge, cross over into the Old Town, and continue straight along South Bridge. From there, turn left onto Infirmary Street; Fringe Central is the large Victorian schoolhouse on the right-hand side..

You can find more information on routes, timetables and accessibility at: edinburghtrams.com.

Tram tickets can be purchased at the stop, on the Edinburgh Tram app or by **tapping on and off using a contactless card or device**.

Arriving by car / car parking



There is limited metered parking available on streets around Fringe Central, with charges typically around **£7+ per hour** and varying maximum-stay restrictions. Paid parking generally operates Monday to Saturday daytime hours, with reduced hours on Sundays.

The nearest car parks include:

- **Nicolson Square NCP** (approximately **three-minute walk**)
- **St John's Hill car park** (approximately **five-minute walk**)

Both provide short- and longer-stay options; charges and opening hours may vary.

Arriving on foot



The quickest route walking from Waverley Station is as follows:

Exit Waverley Station via the **Market Street exit**. Cross the road and go up the **Scotsman Steps**.

At the top, come out onto **North Bridge** and turn right. Continue walking along **South Bridge**, then turn left onto **Infirmity Street** (look out for Blackwells on the corner). Fringe Central is the large Victorian schoolhouse on the right-hand side.

Step-free route

A step-free route from Waverley Station is as follows:

Take a lift from **Waverley Station up to Princes Street**. Turn right and continue along Princes Street, then turn right onto **North Bridge**.

Continue straight along North Bridge onto **South Bridge**, then continue until you reach **Infirmity Street** (look out for Blackwells on the corner). Fringe Central is the large Victorian schoolhouse on the right-hand side.