Fringe Central

Venue access guide



Welcome from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society

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The Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society warmly welcomes you to join us at Fringe Central, our home on Infirmary Street.

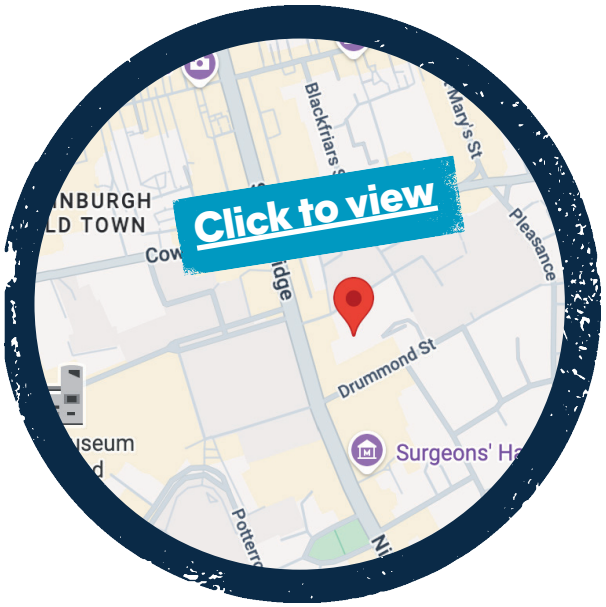
This guide has been created to provide information about the building and its facilities, especially for those who may have additional access or support requirements. **Should you need more information or assistance please contact the Fringe Society staff member who's organising the event you're attending.**

Contact details

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society
Fringe Central,
6 Infirmary Street,
Edinburgh,
EH1 1LT

Telephone: 0131 226 0037

For specific events, please get in contact with the event organiser.



Discover more about the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society at **edfringe.com**.

Entrance

The main entrance to Fringe Central is accessible via step-free ramp or stairs. There are accessible parking bays nearby.

The main entrance has wide double doors, one of which is usually left open on event days – **please let staff know in advance if you require both doors to be open.** There is another, power-assisted door inside.



Immediately inside the main entrace is a reception area. This is **open-plan with space for wheelchair users** and has **seating available** nearby.



Event spaces

The main hall where events take place is located on the right as you enter the building.

There are four event spaces: Flexis 1, 2, 3 and 4. **There will be clear signage directing you to the correct space, but if you are confused you can ask a member of Fringe Society staff – you'll recognise them by their yellow lanyards.**

Flexi 1







Flexi 1 has a yellow door; you can access it by going past reception, through the white door, then going past the staircase and turning right.

Flexi 2 and Flexi 3

Flexis 2 and 3 are located to the right of reception. The door to Flexi 2 is a blue door without windows. Flexi 3 is the door with windows.



Flexi 2

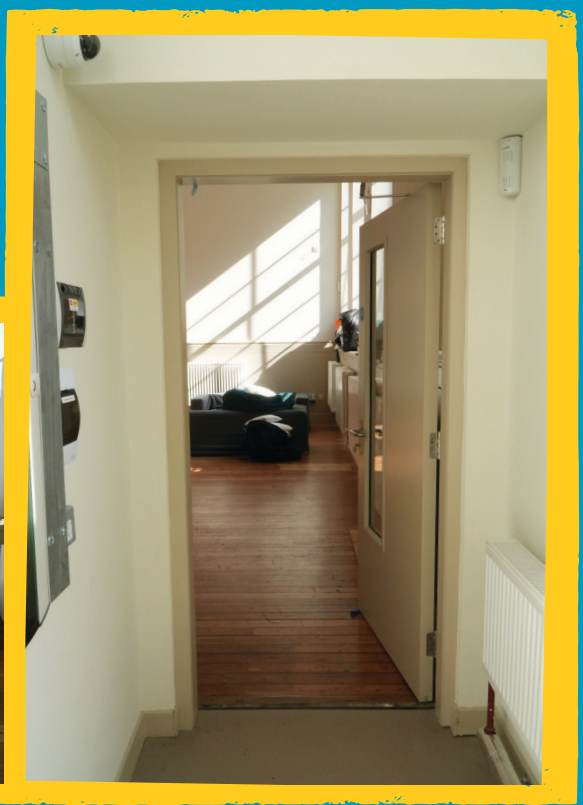


Flexi 3

Flexi 4

Flexi 4 can be found though the doors on the far side of Flexi 3. From reception, use the door to Flexi 3 and then look for the white door to the right of the kitchen area.





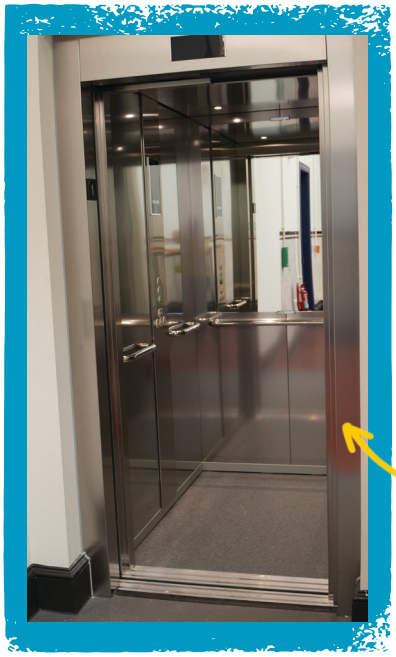
Corridors and doors

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

Most events will occur on the ground floor. Should you have a meeting or event on any of our upper level spaces, 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.

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.



Other toilets

On the ground floor there is **one accessible toilet** (through the white door to Flexi 1) and **two cubicle toilets** near the reception area, opposite the seating.

The accessible toilet:

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

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



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

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.**

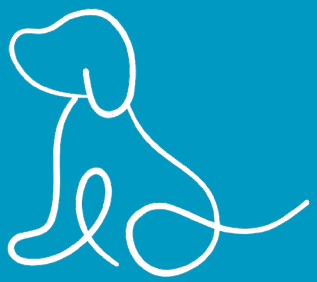
All exits lead out to safe outdoor areas around the building. Staff are trained to help guide you to the nearest exit if needed.

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.



Assistance dogs



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

Free encrypted guest wifi

Network: FringeGuest
Password: MixItUp2026!

Getting to 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**
- **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 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 **Infirmary 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.

The nearest tram stop to Fringe Central is **St Andrew Square**, which is approximately a **15-minute walk away**. From St Andrew Square, walk south and turn left onto Princes Street, then 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 **Infirmary 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 **Infirmary Street** (look out for Blackwells on the corner). Fringe Central is the large Victorian schoolhouse on the right-hand side.