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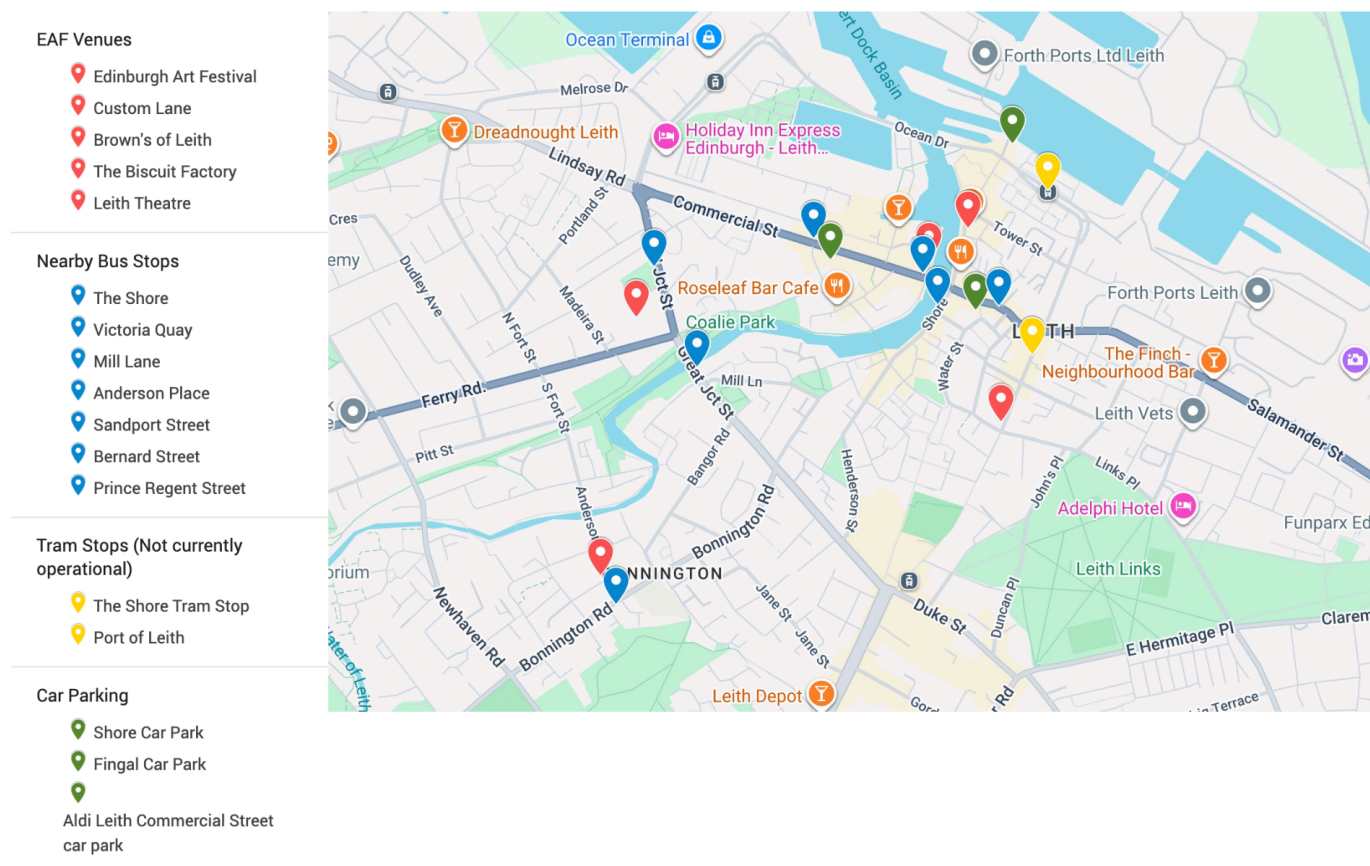
Accessibility Information

This accessibility information report is based on a collective assessment of the buildings that are part of EAF 2026. Recommendations were provided based on general good practice and our understanding of the compliance of the buildings in reference to Building (Scotland) Act 2003, Equality Act 2010 and British Standard 8300-2:2018. We believe that inclusivity relies on feedback and consistent review, so if there are any measures that would help make our space more accessible to you, please get in touch with the EAF team at info@edinburghartfestival.com to discuss accommodations that can be made now and in the future.

Providing a space of safety, support, and care to hold conversation is at the core of EAF's programming. To do this, we have adopted five **Safer, Braver Learning Space Principles** from Education Scotland's Building Racial Literacy programme. You can read more about them on EAF's website, in the Policies section.

The buildings covered in this accessibility statement are Custom Lane, Brown's of Leith, and EAF @ 92 (92 Constitution Street). There is accessible public transport (bus / tram) within 100m of all sites, with taxi drop-off points at the front of the buildings, and also at the back of Custom Lane. Each venue has on-street parking and on-street disabled parking spaces in the vicinity. Custom Lane and Brown's of Leith can organise parking within their allocated parking spaces if organised in advance, but these are not disabled parking spaces. Find disabled parking bays at edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-spaces/find-parking-bays

The Shore Travel + Access



Custom Lane

Custom Lane occupies part of the Category A Listed 19th century Custom House in Leith, and is owned by SHBT / City of Edinburgh Council. The spaces used for EAF are on the ground floor near the cafe: the Gallery space, with the exhibition Sadao Hasegawa: Carnal Desires, and the event space, with the exhibition Trans Masc Studies: History is a Home.

Entrance

Both drop-off points from Custom Wharf and Dock Place have uneven cobbled access into the main gallery and cafe space. There is a small ramp into the event space both from the gallery inside and the external lane. These do not have handrails and will be taped at the border to improve colour contrast.

The EAF exhibitions will be open from 10am—5pm. Visitors with a disability are able to enter the building by the same main entrance as other users. The clear door width of the entrance into the building is 1380mm. The door does not have a hold open device but is fairly light, and staff can be on hand to assist as required.



Reception

The reception desk is 650mm high, which is lower than usually recommended, but does not pose issues for users accessing the desk upon arrival. Staff should be available on reception to help facilitate any accessibility requirements, and should also be able to aid with developing PEEPs (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans) with disabled visitors.

There is limited signage in the building, but EAF staff can aid with navigation if required.

Guide Dogs

Guide dogs are welcome in the space, and a water bowl can be brought down from the First Floor by EAF staff if required. The space is dog friendly, so there may be other dogs present.

Emergency Exit

The fire alarms are currently not strobe alarms, but fire wardens in the building will prioritise communicating to any deaf visitors that there is a fire. Disabled visitors will all have a PEEP prepared for them when they enter, but should make themselves known to the EAF staff so that this can be done.

Accessible Toilet

There is a toilet designed for people with a disability on the ground floor. It does not require a RADAR key, and is used by all visitors to the ground floor, so there may be queues at busy periods.

There are grab rails at the toilet and sink, and the Emergency cord is hanging approx 150mm off the ground. The flush is quite high and so visitors in wheelchairs may have an issue with operating it. There is some colour contrast between the floor and walls, and between walls and grabrails / toilet.



Events at Custom Lane

Much of EAF's event programme takes place at Custom Lane, in the events space that also houses the exhibition Trans Masc Studies: History is a Home. There is seating available in the events space, which can also be carried through to the gallery for any events there. There is a mixture of benches (no back) and backed seating with arm rests. Both are quite hard, and so there are cushions available.

There are not currently any assisted listening tools in the space (e.g. induction loops).

All events will have Sensory/Access kits available, which contain pairs of sunglasses, ear defenders, communication cards, fidget toys, and a range of pre-packaged masks. There will also be magnifying glasses, dyslexia reading overlays, and large print guides.

Masks are available from reception for any events, and air purifiers will be switched on in the spaces.

The following events will have a BSL interpreter:

- Glasgow Leatherdykes: From History to Today
- Bea Webster: Sadao Hasegawa + Trans Masc Studies BSL Tour (delivered in BSL with English translation)
- Screening: the Del LaGrace Volcano Archive

Throughout all of the spaces there is colour contrast between the floor and the walls. There is lighting throughout the spaces, including magnifying glasses with lights which can be provided.

When booking a ticket to an EAF event, there is space to communicate any accommodations you may need. EAF staff will be informed on the day of your accommodations, discuss them with you when you check in with your ticket, and do our best to meet them.

Brown's of Leith

Brown's of Leith is a Category B Listed building in Leith, which was previously an engineering workshop. The space that EAF is using for the Welcome Space + Festival Shop is to the right of the main entrance into the building (from The Shore) at ground floor, where there is also a drinks and eatery area.

Entrance

There is a drop off point on The Shore which forms the main entrance via an uneven cobbled bit of pavement. There are dropped kerbs to either side of the entrance. Visitors with a disability are able to enter the building by the same main entrance as other users. The clear door width of the entrance into the building is 1890mm. The door does not have a hold open device, but is fairly light, and staff can be on hand to assist as required.



Main space

There is no specific reception, and instead visitors will be greeted by EAF staff at the Welcome Space to the right hand side when they enter the building. These staff can help facilitate any accessibility requirements, and should also be able to aid with developing PEEPs (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans) with disabled visitors. There is limited signage in the building, but EAF staff can aid with navigation if required.

There is a lot going on in the space, and that may result in sensory overload. Sensory/Access kits will be available, containing pairs of sunglasses, ear defenders, communication cards, fidget toys, and a range of pre-packaged masks. There will also be magnifying glasses, dyslexia reading overlays, and large print guides. Masks are also available.



There is a lot of seating throughout the space, and visitors to the EAF area would be welcoming to use this.

There is a mixture of seating options including some with backs and some without, but there are no seats with arm rests.

Accessible Toilet

There is a toilet designed for people with a disability on the ground floor. It does not require a RADAR key, and is found in the toilet area in the farthest cubicle. It also has baby change facilities.

There are grab rails at the toilet and sink, and the Emergency cord is hanging approx 150mm off the ground. There is no colour contrast between the floor and walls, but there is between walls and grabrails/toilet.



Guide Dogs

Guide dogs are welcome in the space, and a water bowl can be provided if required. The space is dog friendly, and other dogs may be present.

Emergency Exit

The fire alarms are currently not strobe alarms, but fire wardens in the building will prioritise communicating to any deaf visitors that there is a fire.

Disabled visitors will all have a PEEP prepared for them when they enter, but should make themselves known to the EAF staff so that this can be done. The emergency exit is via the main entrance, which is very close to the area EAF are populating.

EAF @ 92 (Constitution St)

EAF @ 92 occupies part of a Category A Listed building in Leith. The spaces used for EAF are the two galleries on the ground floor.

Entrance

There is a drop off point from Constitution Street into the main gallery space. There is level access via a small ramp which does not have handrails (to go up 1 step). Visitors with a disability are able to enter the building by the same main entrance as other users.

The clear door width of the entrance into the building is 950mm. The door does not have a hold open device, but will be left open during EAF opening times.

Sensory/Access Kits and masks are available at the entrance to the building. These contain pairs of sunglasses, ear defenders, communication cards, fidget toys, and a range of pre-packaged masks. There will also be magnifying glasses, dyslexia reading overlays, and large print guides.



Gallery 1

There is no specific reception, and instead visitors will be greeted by EAF staff when they enter the building. These staff can help facilitate any accessibility requirements, and should also be able to aid with developing PEEPs (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans) with disabled visitors.

There is limited signage in the building, but EAF staff can aid with navigation if required. There is colour contrast between the floors and the walls throughout the space. Access throughout the gallery is level, but there are some uneven areas. Seating can be provided in the gallery space if required, including seats with backs, but not with arm rests. There is lighting throughout the spaces and magnifying glasses with lights can be provided.

Gallery 2

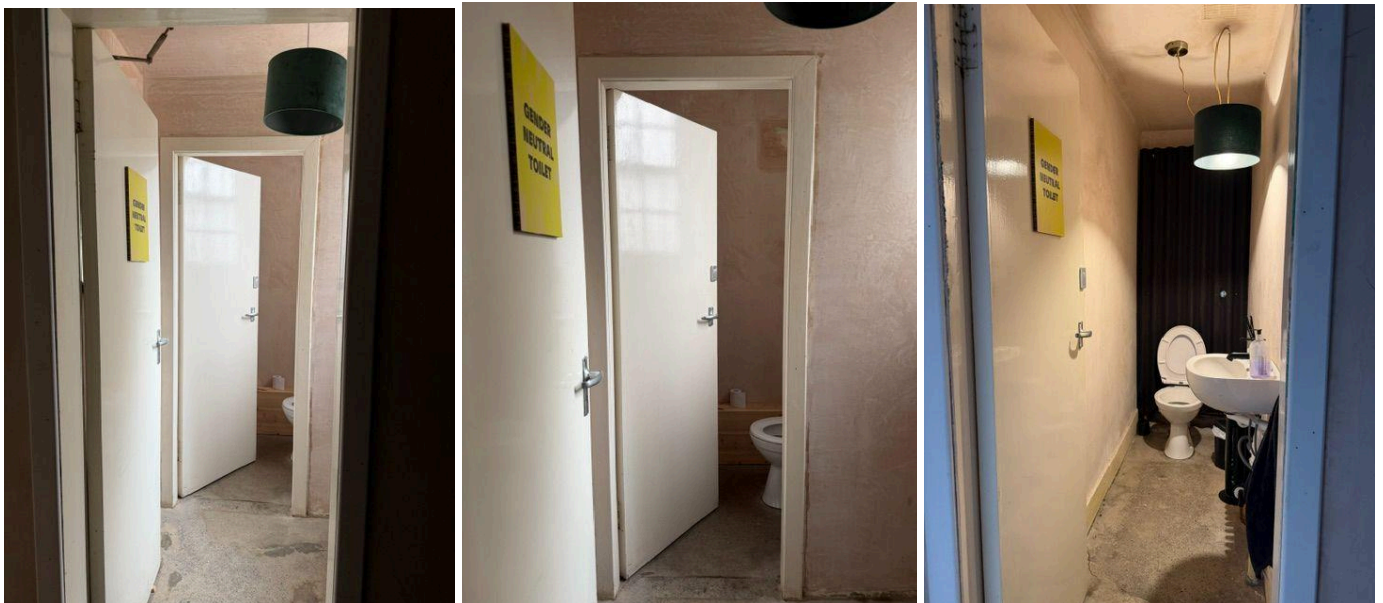
Access to the second gallery space is level, but may be quite tight for some wheelchair users. There is colour contrast between the floors and the walls throughout the space.

There is a lot of natural lighting in the space, and shutters could be closed for a visually impaired person, so please alert the EAF team if you require that. There is lighting throughout the spaces and magnifying glasses with lights can be provided.

Seating can be provided in the gallery space if required, including seats with backs, but not with arm rests.

Accessible Toilet

There is no accessible toilet within the building. There are 2 gender neutral toilets, but they are tightly spaced and so would not be appropriate for a wheelchair user. There are accessible toilets at other premises, and it is intended that visitors to this building will not stay for all that long, but we apologise that there is not currently provision for it.



EAF has an agreement with The Brass Monkey bar across the street that visitors needing an accessible bathroom can use theirs during their opening hours. (Weds—Thurs, 3pm—12midnight; Fri—Sun, 12noon—late). There is an accessible toilet and a Changing Places toilet on Leith Links (around 4min walk), which EAF can provide a RADAR key or a code to access.

Guide Dogs

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Emergency Exit

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