

Liberty Access Information

Liberty has been designed to be accessible as possible for all audiences. There are a range of access features in place across the festival, and for specific performances.

The festival takes place in multiple venues across Walthamstow, London. You can find out more information about access for each venue in the 'Venue Access information' section of this document.

If you have any specific access queries or requirements you can get in touch with us at wfculture@walthamforest.gov.uk with 'Access' in the subject line and we will get back to you within 5 working days.

Liberty programme

Download the Liberty programme as a pdf here:

<https://wfculture19.co.uk/liberty/programme>

You can download a large format version of our guide here:

<https://wfculture19.co.uk/liberty/large-print-programme>

Please ask us for this information in alternative formats by emailing us at

wfculture@walthamforest.gov.uk

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Booking tickets

Most performances are free to turn up, but booking is required for some events where capacity is limited:

- DJ Workshops with Deaf Rave, Saturday 23 November, 12noon and 2pm, William Morris Community Centre - [book here](#)
One personal assistant or carer included with ticket
- BSL Taster Workshops with Deaf Rave, Saturday 23 November, 1pm and 3pm, William Morris Community Centre - [book here](#)
One personal assistant or carer included with ticket
- Distorted Constellations Salon, Sunday 24 November, 7pm - 10pm, Waltham Forest Community Hub - [book here](#)
Personal assistants and carers should book a ticket (free).
- You can also book priority access tickets for Architects of Air: Arboria Luminarium, which is expected to have long queues - [book priority access here](#).
Personal assistants and carers should also book a ticket (free).

Access provision at performances

Liberty will offer signed, captioned and audio described performances, as well as quiet sessions at installations. See below for a list of performances with links.

Signed events

The following events will be in British Sign Language, or will have an interpreter.

- [Deaf Rave](#), Saturday 23 November, 6pm-10pm, Welcome to the Forest Bar
- [DJ Workshops with Deaf Rave](#), Saturday 23 November, 12noon and 2pm, William Morris Community Centre
- [Our Patchwork Community](#), Sunday 24 November, 11.30am-1pm, Walthamstow Library
- [Trades Hall Take Over](#), Sunday 24 November, 4pm-9pm, Walthamstow Trades Hall
- [Distorted Constellations](#), Sunday 24 November, 11am-5pm, Waltham Forest Community Hub. BSL interpreters available all day, BSL tour of the installation with artist Nwando Ebizie at 3pm.
- [Distorted Constellations Closing Salon](#), Sunday 24 November, 7pm-10pm, Waltham Forest Community Hub
- Unfortunately BSL interpretation is no longer available for [Instagramming the Apocalypse](#), Sunday 24 November, 2.30pm-3.10pm, Walthamstow School for Girls

Captioned events

These events have text on screens so that Deaf and hard of hearing, or anyone that would like to read along, can also enjoy the performance:

- [Touretteshero Knowledge Exchange Podcast Session](#), Sunday 24 November, 12pm-5pm, BANGS London
- [Unlimited House of Krip](#), Sunday 24 November, 4.30pm & 8.15pm, Walthamstow School for Girls

Audio described events

There will be live audio descriptions available via headsets for all performances at Walthamstow School for Girls on Sunday 24 November:

- [Instagramming the Apocalypse](#), Sunday 24 November, 2.30pm-3.10pm, Walthamstow School for Girls
- [Unlimited House of Krip](#), Sunday 24 November, 4.30pm & 8.15pm, Walthamstow School for Girls
- [Candoco Dance Company: You And I Know](#), Sunday 24 November, 6.30pm and 7.30pm, Walthamstow School for Girls
- Our audio describers Ruth and Willie will also be available at to describe on demand for anyone who needs it in between performances (Walthamstow School for Girls).

Audio described installations

- [Architects of Air: Arboria Luminarium](#), Friday 22 – Sunday 24 November
All visitors to Architects of Air will receive an audio briefing before entering the luminarium and staff will be available to guide blind and partially sighted visitors through the installation. It is recommended that Assistance Dogs are left outside, as it is an uncomfortable environment for dogs.
- [Distorted Constellations](#), Friday 22 – Sunday 24 November
An audio description of Distorted Constellations will be available to listen to in The Antechamber, before or after entering the installation. There will be three access artists and invigilators inside the building to assist with specific access needs, such as guiding you through the installation.

Relaxed performances and spaces

- [Architects of Air: Arboria Luminarium](#) is a relaxing, speech free environment with an audio soundscape. We have allocated the following times as quiet visits for groups with Special Educational Needs at the following times:

Saturday 23 November

10am – 10:30am

10:30am – 11am

- [Handprint Theatre: Our Patchwork community](#) (family-friendly)
- [Distorted Constellations](#) will have a rest area for those who would like to take a break from the installation. There will also be timed quiet periods each day in the main installation space, when the music is switched off (Saturday 23 November 11am-12pm and 4pm-5pm, Sunday 24 November 11pm-12pm and 2pm-3pm)
- There will be a rest area at Walthamstow School for Girls. Speak to a member of staff for directions.

Accessible Toilets

There will be a Changing Places Mobiloo installed in Lloyd Park on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November, and at Waltham Forest Community Hub on Sunday 24 November.

All Liberty venues have accessible toilets inside, or in close proximity. The accessible toilet for BANGS London will be outside the venue on Gaywood Road and accessible toilets can be found in Lloyd Park in the Aveling Centre and William Morris Gallery.

Assistance Dogs

Welcome across the festival.

Please note, Architects of Air: Arboria Luminarium is an uncomfortable environment for a dog and dogs would be required to wear slippers. We recommend that Assistance Dogs are left outside the Luminarium and that a member of staff guides you through the experience.

Getting to Liberty

You can plan your visit to [Liberty venues](#) at tfl.gov.uk

By tube/train

The closest station to Liberty is Walthamstow Central (Victoria Line and London Overground). Walthamstow Central has step free access to London Overground platforms. There is step and escalator access to reach the Victoria Line Platform, with a lift available in Walthamstow bus station to bypass the steps.

The closest London Underground station with step free access to all platforms is Tottenham Hale (Victoria Line and National Rail). On Sunday 24 November there will be a shuttle bus running between Tottenham Hale and Walthamstow. Bus number 123 also runs along this route regularly.

By Bus

Walthamstow Bus Station is served by regular buses, many of which stop close to Liberty venues. You can check the bus timetable [here](#).

Please note, a planned procession through Walthamstow (International Muslim Procession) may cause some delays along Hoe Street and Forest Road on Sunday 24 November between 2pm and 4pm. Rolling bus diversions may be in place for a short period. Keep an eye on our twitter feed for live updates: twitter.com/wfculture19

Shuttle bus

On Sunday 24 November an accessible shuttle bus will be operating from Tottenham Hale station and around the festival:

Route 1: 10am-7pm

Waltham Forest Town Hall Car Park > Lloyd Park (last stop 5pm) > Walthamstow Trades Hall > Walthamstow School for Girls > Waltham Forest Community Hub (and repeat)

Route 2: 7pm-10pm

Waltham Forest Town Hall Car Park > Lloyd Park (last stop 5pm) > Walthamstow Trades Hall > Walthamstow School for Girls > Waltham Forest Community Hub > Tottenham Hale - Stop A (and repeat)

Route 3: 10am – 5pm

Lloyd Park > Tottenham Hale - Stop A (and repeat)

Route 4: 10am - 10pm

Waltham Forest Community Hub > Tottenham Hale - Stop A (and repeat)

Parking

A number of blue badge parking spaces will be available at Waltham Forest Town Hall Car Park on Sunday 24 November, next to Sycamore House.

Once parked, visitors can take the Liberty shuttle bus to Liberty venues listed above. The bus will depart from the car park from 10am until 10pm.

There are a number of Controlled Parking Zones available around Walthamstow, which blue badge holders are able to use. Badge and clock must be displayed correctly.

Liberty Map



1. Arboria Luminarium, Lloyd Park
2. BANGS London
3. Walthamstow Trades Hall
4. William Morris Community Centre

5. Welcome to the Forest Bar
6. Walthamstow Library
7. Walthamstow School for Girls
8. Waltham Forest Community Hub

Liberty Venue access information

This year's Liberty takes place in different venues and we are working with all venues to ensure they are as accessible as possible.

1. Arboria Luminarium, Lloyd Park

Forest Rd, Walthamstow, London E17 4PP

Getting there

The Arboria Luminarium is located on the Island inside Lloyd Park. The closest gate is on Winns Avenue E17 5EL.

Bus number 123 runs regularly to the bus stop in front of the Forest Road entrance of Lloyd Park. Buses 34, 97, 215, 275 and 357 run to the corner of Forest Road Bell Corner (0.4 miles). On Sunday 24 November, accessible shuttle buses will stop next to the Winns Avenue Gate (see [Shuttle Bus](#)).

[Walthamstow Central](#) (Victoria Line and London Overground) is 0.6 miles away.

Accessibility

The Arboria Luminarium is accessible to wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments and there is step-free access in and around the installation. There are hard ground paths with step free access from all park gates.

Priority booking

Capacity inside the installation is limited to 80 people at one time and there may be queues to enter. You can book a free priority access queue jump [here](#).

Accessible toilets

The Café in the Park (in the Aveling Centre) has a unisex accessible toilet.

Access provision for performances

This is a speech free installation and there will be no BSL interpretation available. All visitors will be provided with a map and verbal description before entering the luminarium.

Staff will be available to guide blind and partially sighted visitors through the installation. It is recommended that Assistance dogs are left outside.

Quiet Visits

The installation will be quieter for groups with Special Educational Needs on Saturday 23 November, 09.30am-11am.

2. BANGS London

66–68 Hoe St, E17 4PG

Getting there

Buses 34, 97, 215, 275 and 357 run to Jewel Road bus stop (100 yds).

[Walthamstow Central](#) (Victoria Line and London Overground) is 0.5 miles away (11 minute walk).

On Sunday 24 November, the Liberty shuttle bus will stop at Walthamstow Trades Hall, which is 236 ft away (see [Shuttle Bus](#)). Note there is a steep slope to reach this drop off point.



Image: entrance to BANGS London

Accessibility

This venue is on street-level and there is flat access. The entranceway has a lip, but there is a temporary ramped entrance into the space for anyone who needs it.

Booking

Drop in, no booking required. Very limited capacity at one time.

Accessible Toilets

A temporary accessible toilet is available on the street directly outside the venue for anyone who needs to use it. The closest changing places toilet is in Lloyd Park. The toilet inside the venue is reached via a flight of stairs.

Access provision for performances

BSL interpretation is available for the duration of the podcast recording session (12pm-5pm).

3. Walthamstow Trades Hall

61–63 Tower Hamlets Rd, E17 4RQ

Getting there

Buses 34, 97, 215, 275 and 357 run to Jewel Road bus stop (0.1 mile). [Walthamstow Central](#) (Victoria Line and London Overground) is 0.6 miles away (12 minute walk). On Sunday 24 November, the Liberty [shuttle bus](#) will stop at Walthamstow Trades Hall.

Accessibility

The entrance to Walthamstow Trades Hall is on a sloped road. There are grab rails on the path to the building. A temporary ramped entrance will be in place to ensure the venue is accessible to wheelchair users. There is step-free access throughout inside - to the performance space, bar and toilets, with carpeted flooring.



Image: Entrance to Walthamstow Trades Hall, and access inside the venue.

Booking

No booking required, no queues expected.

Accessible Toilet

Yes

BSL Interpreters

There will be BSL interpretation available for Trades Hall Take Over, 4pm-9pm Sunday 24 November. Outside In will be a speech free performance.

4. William Morris Community Centre

6–8 Greenleaf Rd, E17 6QQ

Getting There

Buses 34, 97, 215, 275 and 357 run to Jewel Road bus stop (0.1 mile). [Walthamstow Central](#) (Victoria Line and London Overground) is 0.5 miles away (10 minute walk). There is limited parking available at the William Morris Centre for workshop participants.

Accessibility

There is a moderate ramp to access the entrance, with a level landing at the top. The entrance opening is 88cm (2ft 11in) wide, and the doors open towards you.

There is level access to the workshop spaces and toilets inside the venue.

Booking

Pre-booking is required for the events taking place in this venue:

- *DJ Workshops with Deaf Rave*, Saturday 23 November - [book here](#)
- *BSL Taster Workshops with Deaf Rave*, Saturday 23 November - [book here](#)

These workshops can be booked at wfculture19.co.uk/liberty/deaf-rave

Accessible Toilet

Yes

Access provision for performances

Full BSL and spoken English will be available for the *DJ Workshops with Deaf Rave*. The *BSL Taster Workshops with Deaf Rave* will be led by a BSL qualified instructor, but there will be no interpreter present.

5. Welcome to the Forest bar

186 Hoe St, E17 4QH

Getting there

Buses 34, 97, 215, 275 and 357 run to Walthamstow Market bus stop G/J (450ft). [Walthamstow Central](#) (Victoria Line and London Overground) is a 0.3 miles away (6 minute walk). There is 24 hour disabled parking available at The Mall Walthamstow, 45 Selbourne Road, E17 7JR, which is 0.4 miles away (8 minute walk).

Accessibility

The venue is on street level, with a level entrance, and step free access throughout.

Booking

No booking required. Limited capacity, arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Accessible toilet

Yes

Access provision for performances

This event will be facilitated by Deaf and Hard of Hearing DJs and performers. The event will be accessible to BSL and English spoken users alike.

6. Walthamstow Library

High Street, E17 7JN

Getting there

Buses 230, 275, 212, 58, 210, 212, 275 run to Walthamstow Bus Station (0.1 miles). Walthamstow Central (Victoria Line and London Overground) is 0.2 miles away (4 minute walk).

Accessibility

The accessible entrance to the library is on Walthamstow Town Square. There are 4 steps to enter, or a permanent rampway. The ramp is easy, with handrails, and there is a level landing at the top of the slope. The width of the door opening is 200cm (6ft 7in).

The performance takes place on the first floor, which is accessible by the lift further inside the library. Go through the reception and turn left. (lift to study hall). Speak to a member of library staff for directions.



Booking

No booking required.

Accessible Toilet

Yes

Access provision for performances

This performance will be fully accessible to BSL and spoken English users alike.

7. Walthamstow School for Girls

Church Hill, E17 9RZ

Getting there

Performances will take place in the Norris Hall. Access is via the student entrance (left hand gate) on Church Hill. Walk through the gates ahead of you and turn right at the end of the yard.

The 212 bus stops at Church Hill Road, which is 0.1 miles away. Walthamstow Central (Victoria Line and London Overground) is 0.4 miles away (7 minute walk). On Sunday 24 November, the [accessible shuttle bus](#) will stop at Walthamstow School for Girls.



Entrance to Walthamstow School for Girls

Accessibility (Norris Hall)

There is level access to the gallery seating above the auditorium, and lift access to the main auditorium entrance.

Booking

No booking required

Accessible Toilet

Yes

Rest area

Yes

Access provision for performances

BSL interpretation will be available for *Instagramming the Apocalypse*. *You And I Know* will be speech free, and *The Unlimited House of Krip* will be a captioned film screening.

There will be live audio description available via headset for all performances. Audio describers will be available in between performances for anyone who needs it.

8. Waltham Forest Community Hub

18A Orford Rd, E17 9LN

Getting There

The W12 passes along Orford Road (request stop). Walthamstow Central (Victoria Line and London Overground) is an 11 minute walk away (0.6 miles). On Sunday 24

November, the accessible [shuttle bus](#) will stop at Waltham Forest Community Hub, departing regularly from Lloyd Park and Walthamstow Town Hall Car Park.

Accessibility

Access to the installation will be by the entrance on the left hand side on Orford Road. There is a permanent ramp to enter, with a width of 145cm (4ft 9in). There is step free access throughout inside the venue.

Booking

Booking is not required to access the main installation. There is a maximum capacity of 20 people at one time inside the installation, but there are two rest areas within the building which visitors are welcome to wait in. Access artists will be present within these spaces to ensure all visitors are comfortable.

Booking is required for the following event due to limited capacity, and to allow the performance to cater for access requirements:

- *Distorted Constellations Salon*, Sunday 24 November 7pm-10pm - [book here](#)

Accessible Toilet

Yes

Rest area

There is a breakout space (Sensory Antechamber), which you can use if you are tired, overwhelmed or just need a break. There will be accessibility artists within this space to cater to visitors' needs. The soundscape will be switched off for a period every day.

Access provision for performances

BSL trained staff will be available within the venue on Sunday 24 November. There will be a BSL tour of the installation with artist Nwando Ebizie on Sunday 24 November, 3pm.

BSL interpreters will be available for the [Distorted Constellations Closing Salon](#).