

National Festival of Making 2026 - Venue Accessibility Information Guide

The National Festival of Making takes place in a multi-venue, town centre environment.

Some areas of the festival use both indoor and outdoor spaces.

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Access Hub

Venue address: Town Hall Street off King William Street , BB2 1AG

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///quite.doing.smooth

About Venue: The Festival Access Hub is a new information point designed to help visitors navigate and experience the festival in a way that works for you.

Here you will find:

- Access Kits including ear defenders
- Portable stools
- Large Print Programme
- Friendly information providers who can help answer your questions
- Get directions to the Quiet Space
- Sign-up for a Festival Friend

Physical venue access:

- Outdoor venue in a gazebo
- Level access
- Ground Conditions: paving stones

Toilet facilities: No toilet facilities are available at the access hub. Nearest toilet facilities are in Blackburn Library.

Seating: There will be a limited number of chairs available at the access hub, if you would prefer to have a seated conversation with the team.

Sound: As the access hub is located outdoors, a variety of activities and experiences take place near-by, including performances using amplified sound. Please be aware that noise levels may vary throughout the day.

Crowds: As the access hub is located outdoors, there may be times where the area surrounding the info points are busier throughout the day. You may need to join a short queue.

Information Points

About Venue: The info point is where you can go to pick up a programme, ask questions or get directions to a venue. The festival info point team members are there to help.

Information Point at King William Street

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///quite.doing.smooth

Information Point at Cathedral Square

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///pipes.assume.woods

Here you will find:

- Friendly Volunteers
- Printed Programmes
- Access Kits

Physical venue access:

- Outdoor venue in a gazebo
- Level access
- Ground Conditions: paving stones

Toilet facilities: No toilet facilities are available at the access hub.

Seating: There will be no seating available at the info point. Speak to the team at the info point for guidance.

Sound: As the info point is located outdoors, a variety of activities and experiences take place near-by, including performances using amplified sound. Please be aware that noise levels may vary throughout the day.

Crowds: As the info point is located outdoors, there may be times where the area surrounding the info points are busier throughout the day. You may need to join a short queue.

King William Street - Area Overview

Area address: King William Street, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///cliff.audio.woke

About Area: The King William Street area has multiple indoor and outdoor venues.

Here you will find:

- Information Point
- Festival Access Hub
- Food traders
- Outdoor activities
- Performance area
- Large marquees hosting workshops and other activities

Toilet Facilities: The nearest toilets are located at The Mall Shopping Centre.

Seating: This area has public benches.

Ground Condition: The ground surface in this area is a mixture of paving stones and brick cobbles, which may be uneven in places. Some sections of the space are divided by benches and planters. The main outdoor area is wheelchair accessible via step-free routes throughout. Some sectioned areas have short sets of steps at certain access points, although step-free access is available via alternative routes.

Sound: Multiple activities will be taking place in this area including workshops in marquees, a food market marquee, street food stalls and an outdoor performance area. Expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds: Multiple activities will be taking place in this area. When performances are taking place, expect crowds during these periods.

The Exchange & downstairs at The Exchange

Venue address: 18 King William St, Blackburn BB1 7DP

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///falls.tables.lock

About Venue: The Cotton Exchange is a heritage building with original features that may influence physical access throughout the venue.

Main Space - Here you will find:

- Exhibition
- Artist Talk on Saturday
- One Scheduled Performance at 14:00 on both Saturday and Sunday.

Downstairs - Here you will find:

- Bookable in advance Workshops

Physical venue access:

- Indoor venue
- Manual double door at entrance. These doors will be open over the festival weekend.
- Multi-storey venue
- Lift access to all floors
- Staircases have handrails

Toilet facilities: There are no toilet facilities at this venue. Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: Bench Seating will be available in the main space of this venue. Seating is available for workshop participants downstairs at this venue.

Sound: Film will be shown in the main space and includes the use of amplified sound. There is also a performance scheduled to take place in this space on both Saturday and Sunday at 2pm.

Lighting & Visual Environment: Film will be shown in the main space. The room will use natural lighting only and so may be dark depending on the amount of natural light.

Crowds & Capacity: The main space at The Cotton Exchange is large and there is plenty of room to move around. However, as this is an indoor space, during busy periods it may become crowded. Downstairs at this venue has limited capacity and the activities taking place here must be booked in advance. You may experience queues into the space, but capacity will be limited once inside the venue.

The Drummers Arms

Venue address: 65 King William St, Blackburn BB1 7DT

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: [///sweep.funded.owls](https://www.what3words.com/sweep.funded.owls)

About Venue: The Drummers arms is a pub which will be used as a venue over the festival weekend.

Here you will find:

- Workshops
- Performances

Please note: all workshops and performances in this venue must be booked in advance

Physical venue access: Highlight the key points in a list

- Indoor venue
- The venue entrance has a small lip at the entrance
- Manual door
- Door width suitable for wheelchair
- Multiple story with step access to first floor only
- All workshops and performances will take place on the ground floor
- Toilets are located on the first floor

Toilet facilities: Gendered, toilet cubicles are located on the first floor only accessible via a staircase. No accessible toilet is available at this venue.

Seating: Seating is available for workshop participants or audience members at this venue.

Sound: Performances that take place here may include amplified sound.

Lighting & Visual Environment: Artificial lighting may be used for any performances taking place in this venue. Please check with venue staff or festival stewards if you have any questions.

Crowds & Capacity: This venue has limited capacity and the activities taking place here must be booked in advance. You may experience queues into the space, but capacity will be limited once inside the venue.

59 King William Street

Venue address: 59 King William Street

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///cities.bars.necks

About Venue: 59 King William Street will host bookable in advance workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Level access
- Manual double doors
- Doorway is wheelchair accessible
- Single-storey venue on the ground floor

Toilet Facilities: There are no toilet facilities at this venue. Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: No seating is provided other than for participants taking part in a workshop.

Crowds: This venue may become busy during activities and workshops.

Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

The STEAM Zone

Venue address: King William Street

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///economies.oddly.often

About Venue: STEAM Marquee is an outdoor space run by Blackburn College

Here you will find:

- Various drop-in STEAM workshops and activities

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor marquee venue
- Level access
- Entrance is wheelchair accessible
- Multiple activities may take place within the space at one time
- During busy periods the space may become crowded with less room to move around
- Ground surface outside the marquee is made of paving stones

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: No seating is provided other than for participants taking part in a workshop.

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: Multiple activities may take place within the space at one time with varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: During busy periods the space may become crowded and there may be less room to move around. Each activity in this space will have limited capacity. There may be a short wait or queue if an activity is at full capacity.

The Making Rooms Pop Up

Venue Address: King William Street, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///economies.oddly.often

About Venue: The Making Rooms Up is a temporary outdoor space covered by a pagoda.

Here you will find:

- Drop-in workshops

Physical venue access:

- Outdoor marquee
- Entrance to the marquee has level access. The entrance of the marquee is wheelchair accessible.
- The ground in this area is made of paving stones

Toilet facilities: Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: Please speak to a team member at this venue about seating.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: As this space is inside an outdoor temporary venue, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue or the activities are at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

King William Street - Street Food

Venue address: King William Street

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///guitar.input.puppy

About Venue: IA section of the street will have a number of street food stalls in this area.

Here you will find:

- A number of street food stalls
- Seating for consuming food purchased at the street food stalls

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor venue
- Ground surface is made of paving stones
- Level Access to this area

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: Seating will be available next to the food vendors.

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: Performances will take place around this location. Please be aware that noise levels may vary throughout the day. The programme has timings for when the performances will take place.

Capacity: There may be a short wait or queue if the street food stalls are busy.

Taste Lancashire Market

Venue address: King William Street

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///vast.washed.plot

About Venue: Taste Lancashire is an outdoor marquee which will host a number of food producer stalls.

Here you will find:

- A number of food producers from Lancashire selling their produce

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor marquee venue
- Level access
- Entrance is wheelchair accessible
- Multiple activities may take place within the space at one time
- During busy periods the space may become crowded with less room to move around
- Ground surface outside the marquee is made of paving stones

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: There is no seating available at this venue

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: Performances will take place around this location. Please be aware that noise levels may vary throughout the day. The programme has timings for when the performances will take place.

Crowds & Capacity: As this space is inside a marquee, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

King William Street Performance Area

Venue address: Information unavailable.

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///plank.good.bags

About Venue: King William Street performance area is an outdoor space where a variety of performances happen

Here you will find:

- Theatre performance
- Dance performance
- Music performance

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor venue
- Ground surface is made of paving stones
- Level Access

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: The King William Street area has public benches available.

Sound: Performances that take place here will include loud music including amplified sound. Please check the performance schedule for timings.

Crowds & Capacity: This performance area is outdoors. This means that during performance times there may be crowds.

Museum Street - Area Overview

Area address: Museum Street, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///pretty.needed.chill

About Area: The Museum Street area includes indoor and outdoor festival venues.

Here you will find:

- Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery
- Creative Skills Hub
- Festival activities and workshops
- Caravanalogue
- Splodge-o-matic

Toilet Facilities: The nearest toilets are located in Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery or at The Mall Shopping Centre. Blackburn Museum and art gallery has an ungendered Accessible toilet on the ground floor with level access.

Seating: There is no general seating available in this area

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: Multiple activities may take place throughout this area at one time with varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds: Activities and workshops across the area may result in varying levels of crowd density throughout the day.

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery

Venue address: Museum Street, Blackburn BB1 7AJ

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///camps.wink.strict

About Venue: Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery is an indoor venue which will host a variety of activities

Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops
- Exhibitions
- Performances

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Entrance has level access via a ramp
- Manual doors
- Doorway is wheelchair accessible
- Multi-storey building
- Lift access available across all floors
- Staircases have handrails

Toilet Facilities: This venue has gendered standard toilets and a gender neutral accessible toilet. All toilet facilities are on the ground floor

Seating: Seating available throughout the venue, though seating will mainly be provided for participants of an activity.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: Various activities will happen inside this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying levels of crowds throughout the day. As some of the activities in this space are drop-in, you may need to queue.

Creative Skills Hub

Venue address: Museum Street

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///waters.quiet.stand

About Venue: Creative Skills Hub Marquee is an outdoor space inside a marquee run by Blackburn College

Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor marquee venue
- Level access
- Entrance is wheelchair accessible
- Multiple activities may take place within the space at one time
- During busy periods the space may become crowded with less room to move around
- Ground surface outside the marquee is made of paving stones

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilet facilities are at The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: No seating is provided other than for participants taking part in a workshop.

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: As this space is inside a marquee, there will be a limited capacity. If an activity is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

The Bureau

Venue address: 5 Exchange Street, Blackburn BB1 7JN

Front entrance - Google Maps Link: [View Location](#)

Rear, accessible entrance: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///noon.called.apples

About Venue: The Bureau is an Arts Centre. They will have their own programme of activities taking place over the festival weekend.

Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops
- Bookable Workshops
- Exhibitions
- Performances

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Accessible entrance is via the alley at the back of the building off Museum Street
- Accessible entrance has gentle decline from the street to the entrance
- Front entrance has a step
- Multi-storey building
- Lift access available to all floors
- Staircases have handrails

Toilet Facilities: Accessible, gender neutral toilet with level access and baby change facilities available on the ground floor of the building (radar key not required). There are Accessible access toilets also located in the basement and the first floor. Ungendered standard toilet facilities on all floors of the building

Seating: Seating will be available in this venue.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Blackburn Library - Venue Overview

Venue address: Blackburn Central Library, Blackburn BB2 1AG

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///bonus.retail.spider

About Venue: Blackburn Library is an indoor venue which will host a variety of activities. Multiple spaces in this venue will host activities.

Here you will find:

- Quiet Space
- Drop-in workshops
- Performances

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Level access entrance
- Large automatic doorway
- Sloped entrance
- Multi-storey building
- Lift access available across all floors

Toilet Facilities: Standard gendered toilets facilities available at this venue. Accessible toilet and baby changing facilities on ground floor.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the venue.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: Multiple activities will take place within this space. Specific activities will have limited capacity. If the activity is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Quiet Space - Blackburn Library

Venue address: First Floor, Blackburn Central Library, Blackburn BB2 1AG

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///bonus.retail.spider

About This Space: The festival quiet space is a designated space inside Blackburn Library which has minimal noise, visual distraction and sensory input.

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Located on the first floor
- Accessible via lift or staircase
- Staircases have handrails
- Level access into the room
- Manual door
- Doorway is wheelchair accessible

Toilet Facilities: There are general, gendered toilets and an accessible toilet available on the ground floor in the library.

Seating: Seating is available in the Quiet Space

Sound: Sound levels will be quiet in this space

Crowds: This space is not expected to be crowded

Additional Information:

- National Festival of Making event staff and library staff will be available to provide assistance

Hornby Lecture Theatre - Blackburn Library

Venue address: First Floor, Blackburn Central Library, Blackburn BB2 1AG

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///bonus.retail.spider

About Venue: The Hornby Lecture theatre is an indoor space inside Blackburn Library

Here you will find:

- Bookable in advance workshops
- Performances

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor seated theatre space
- Wheelchair spaces available in the theatre
- Doorway wheelchair accessible
- First Floor
- Lift Access
- Stairs and handrail

Toilet Facilities: There are general, gendered toilets and an accessible toilet available on the ground floor in the library.

Seating: Theatre-style tiered seating is available in this space. Wheelchair spaces are available at the back of the theatre.

Sound: Performances may use amplified sound.

Lighting & Visual Environment: As this is a performance space, there may be some use of artificial lighting

Crowds & Capacity: Each activity in this space may have limited capacity and some activities may require advance booking. There may be a short wait or queue if an activity is at full capacity.

Additional Information:

- National Festival of Making event staff and library staff will be available to provide assistance

The Making Rooms (Temporary Venue)

Venue address: 9 Town Hall Street, Blackburn BB2 1AG

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///notion.baked.cubs

About Venue: The Making Rooms is an indoor venue which will host a variety of activities.

Note: This venue is a temporary venue for The Making Rooms, whilst their building on Exchange Street is being renovated.

Here you will find:

- Drop-in workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Level access
- Manual double doors
- Doorway is wheelchair accessible
- Single-storey venue

Toilet Facilities: No toilet facilities on-site. Nearest toilets: The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: Seating is available for workshop participants at this venue.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: Various activities will happen inside this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying levels of crowds throughout the day. As some of the activities in this space are drop-in, you may need to queue.

The Batcave

Venue address: 5c Town Hall Street, Blackburn BB2 1AG

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///area.drain.clues

About Venue: The Batcave is an indoor venue which will host drop in workshops

Here you will find:

- Drop-in workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Entrance is via a single step
- Manual door
- Single-storey venue

Toilet Facilities: No toilet facilities on-site. The nearest toilets: The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: No seating is provided other than for participants taking part in a workshop.

Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

The Mall - Area Overview

About The Mall: No festival activities will take place in The Mall. However, in The Mall you will find:

- The Mall Information Desk
- Public seating areas
- Blackburn Indoor Market (only open on Saturday)
- Places to eat
- Toilet Facilities

King William Street Entrance

- Level access
- Manual and automatic doors available
- Wheelchair accessible

Church Street Market Entrance

- Level access
- Automatic door available
- Manual revolving door available
- Wheelchair accessible

Church Street Top Entrance

- Level access via ramp
- Automatic door
- Wheelchair accessible

Toilet Facilities: Standard toilet facilities are available on the first floor. Accessible toilets are available on the ground floor. Blackburn Market has a Changing Places facility. Toilet facilities are accessible via lift access or staircase.

Seating: Bench seating is available throughout The Mall. Additional seating is available within Blackburn Market's food vendor area.

Accessibility Information: Hearing loops are fitted at the Information Desk. Visitors with a Just Can't Wait Card can speak to staff at the Information Desk for advice about facilities within The Mall.

Launchpad

Venue address: 15 Lord St, Mall, Blackburn BB1 7JE

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MgUxSRjoLD7wgZWr6>

What3Words link: ///landed.modern.knots

About Venue: Launchpad is an indoor venue which will host a variety of activities.

Here you will find:

- Drop-in workshops

Physical venue access: Highlight the key points in a list

- Indoor venue
- Level access
- Automatic door at entrance
- Internal doors are manual

Toilet facilities: Please speak to the Festival Team or Launchpad staff member about toilet facilities.

Seating: Seating is available for workshop participants at this venue.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: Multiple activities will take place within this space. Specific activities will have limited capacity. If the activity is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Blakey Moor Terrace

Venue address: 11–13 Blakey Moor, Blackburn BB2 1LL

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///wants.mostly.mint

About Venue: Blakey Moor Terrace is an indoor venue that will host a variety of activities.

Here you will find:

- Art in Manufacturing exhibition
- Heritage Craft demos and workshops
- Drop-in workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Level access
- Multi-storey venue
- First floor is accessible via staircase only
- No lift access available

Toilet Facilities: There are no toilet facilities on-site. Nearest toilets are located in The Mall Shopping Centre

Seating: This venue has low and deep windowsills which can be used as seating. There will be no general seating available at this venue.

Sound: Films with amplified sound will be shown in this venue. There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Lighting & Visual Environment: Films will be shown in this venue. They will be shown on screens, and so the lighting will not be dimmed.

Crowds & Capacity: Multiple activities will take place within this space. Specific activities will have limited capacity. If the activity is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Reel Cinema

Venue address: Reel Cinema, Nab Ln, Blackburn BB2 1LN

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: [///shirts.shark.zealous](#)

About Venue: Reel Cinema will host a film festival.

Here you will find:

- Film screenings
- Talks
- Drop-in activities and workshops

Please note that all talks and film screenings must be booked in advance.

Physical venue access:

- Indoor venue
- Level access
- Screens are wheelchair accessible

Toilet facilities: Toilet facilities are located in the main concourse of the building.

Accessible toilet facilities are available at the venue.

Seating: Seating is available in all screens, including wheelchair accessible spaces.

Sound: All film screenings and talks will include the use of amplified sound.

Lighting & Visual Environment: Low lighting will be in use in the cinema screens. If you require assistance, please speak to a Festival or Reel Cinema team member

Crowds & Capacity: Workshops are drop-in sessions and so you may need to queue during busy periods. All talks and film screenings must be booked in advance so capacity will be limited.

29 Northgate

Venue address: 29 Northgate, Blackburn BB2 1JU

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///quit.remote.reward

About Venue: 29 Northgate is an indoor venue which will host an Art in Manufacturing exhibition

Here you will find:

- Art in Manufacturing Exhibition
- Artist Talk

Physical venue access:

- Indoor
- Single step access with a temporary ramp available for use
- Manual door - will be open
- Single Storey
- Ground Floor

Toilet facilities: There are no toilet facilities available at this venue. Nearest toilets are at The Mall.

Seating: No seating will be available at this venue.

Sound: This exhibition includes the use of amplified sound.

Crowds & Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Prism Contemporary

Venue address: 20 Lord Street West, Blackburn BB2 1JX

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///salsa.begun.intelligible

About Venue: Prism is an indoor venue which will host an Art in Manufacturing exhibition

Here you will find:

- Art in Manufacturing Exhibition
- Artist Talk

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor venue
- Entrance is via a single step. No level access
- Single-storey venue

Toilet Facilities: Non-gendered toilet facilities available. Accessible toilet facilities not available.

Seating: General seating will be available at this venue.

Sound: Only one activity will happen in this space at any one time, so sound levels will be limited to that of the activity.

Crowds & Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Uncultured Creatives

Venue address: 20 Lord St W, Blackburn BB2 1JX

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words link: ///salsa.begun.intelligible

About Venue: Uncultured Creatives is an indoor venue which will host Workshops.

Here you will find:

- Drop-in workshops

Physical venue access:

- Indoor
- Single step access
- Single storey

Toilet facilities: There are no toilet facilities available at this venue. Nearest toilet facilities are in The Mall.

Seating: Seating is available for workshop participants at this venue.

Sound: There will be multiple activities running within this space and festival visitors are able to freely enter the space so please expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds & Capacity: Multiple activities will take place within this space. Specific activities will have limited capacity. If the activity is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Not Only A Street Market - Church Street

Venue address: Church Street, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///stands.factor.costs

About Venue: This area includes a street market with market stalls and a live music stage.

Here you will find:

- Market stalls
- Drop-in Workshops
- Live music stage

Physical Venue Access: Outdoor venue

- Level access
- Wheelchair accessible

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets: The Mall Shopping Centre entrance from Church Street

Seating: This area has public benches. No additional seating is provided.

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: Multiple activities may take place within this area at one time with varying noise levels throughout the day. There is a live music stage here so

Crowds & Capacity: Multiple activities may take place throughout the area and crowd levels may vary throughout the day.

Blackburn Cathedral - Venue Overview

Cathedral main entrance:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

Cathedral Main Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Cathedral Square entrance:

- Level access through the main cathedral square entrance
- Lift access to the ground floor

Cathedral Square Entrance: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///locked.ideas.roof

About Area: Blackburn Cathedral is an indoor venue which will host a variety of activities on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

Here you will find:

- Makers Market
- Exhibitions
- Drop-in workshops
- Performances

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets: Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Sound: Multiple activities may take place throughout the Cathedral at one time, including exhibitions, workshops and market activity. Expect varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds and Capacity: Multiple activities take place throughout the Cathedral. Crowd levels may vary depending on activity locations and programme schedules.

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Nave - Blackburn Cathedral

The Cathedral Nave is on the ground floor of Blackburn Cathedral. The Cathedral will be used as a festival venue on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

The cathedral's main entrance is the closest entrance to the Cathedral Nave:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

Cathedral Main Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Cathedral Square entrance:

- Level access through the main cathedral square entrance
- Lift access to the ground floor

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Here you will find:

- Makers Market

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor Venue
- Lift access to all floors of the cathedral

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets - Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Sound: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so will be busy at peak times. This will mean that the sound levels are louder.

Crowds & Capacity: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so expect crowding in this space at peak times.

North Transept - Blackburn Cathedral

Blackburn Cathedral North Transept is on the ground floor of Blackburn Cathedral. The Cathedral will be used as a festival venue on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

The cathedral's main entrance is the closest entrance to the North Transept:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

Cathedral Main Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Cathedral Square entrance:

- Level access through the main cathedral square entrance
- Lift access to the ground floor

Cathedral Square Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Here you will find:

- Makers Market

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor Venue
- Lift access to all floors of the cathedral

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets - Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Sound: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so will be busy at peak times. This will mean that the sound levels are louder.

Crowds & Capacity: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so expect crowding in this space at peak times.

South Transept - Blackburn Cathedral

Blackburn Cathedral South Transept is an indoor space. The Cathedral will be used as a festival venue on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

The cathedral's main entrance is the closest entrance to the South Transept:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

Cathedral Main Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Cathedral Square entrance:

- Level access through the main cathedral square entrance
- Lift access to the ground floor

Cathedral Square Entrance: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///locked.ideas.roof

Here you will find:

- Installation
- Drop-in workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor Venue
- Lift access to all floors of the cathedral

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets - Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Sound: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so will be busy at peak times. This will mean that the sound levels are louder.

Crowds & Capacity: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so expect crowding in this space at peak times.

Temple Gallery - Blackburn Cathedral

Blackburn Cathedral Temple Gallery is an indoor space. The Cathedral will be used as a festival venue on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

The cathedral's main entrance is the closest entrance to the Temple Gallery:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

Cathedral Main Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Cathedral Square entrance:

- Level access through the main cathedral square entrance
- Lift access to the ground floor

Cathedral Square Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor Venue
- Lift access to all floors of the cathedral

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets - Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Sound: A makers market will take place in this space or nearby, so will be busy at peak times. This will mean that the sound levels are louder.

Crowds & Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Annex - Blackburn Cathedral

Blackburn Cathedral Annex is an indoor space. It will host an installation and making activity on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

The Cathedral square entrance is the closest entrance to the Annex:

- Level access via a ramp

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Cathedral Main Entrance:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

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Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor Venue
- Lift access to all floors of the cathedral

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets - Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Crowds & Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Crypt - Blackburn Cathedral

Blackburn Cathedral Crypt is an indoor space. It will host an installation and making activity on Saturday only. The Cathedral will not be used as a venue on Sunday.

The Cathedral square entrance is the closest entrance to the Crypt:

- Level access via a ramp through the Annex
- Level access via the double doors off cathedral square, and then a platform lift in the crypt space

Cathedral Square Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Cathedral Main Entrance:

- Level access
- Automatic doors

Cathedral Main Entrance: [View Location](#)

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Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops
- Performance

Physical Venue Access:

- Indoor Venue
- Lift access to all floors of the cathedral

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets - Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available throughout the Cathedral. If assistance is required to find seating, visitors can speak to a member of the Festival team or Cathedral staff.

Crowds & Capacity: As this is an indoor space, there will be a limited capacity. If the venue is at full capacity, there may be a short wait to enter.

Cathedral Square & Gardens - Area Overview

Area address: Cathedral Square & Gardens, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///solar.eaten.patio

About Area: The Cathedral Square & Gardens area has multiple indoor and outdoor festival venues.

Here you will find:

- Information Point
- Food traders
- Outdoor activities
- Performance area
- Live music stage
- Marquee venues hosting activities
- Workshop Bell Tent
- Activities taking place under a stretch canvas

Toilet Facilities: Temporary portable toilets are available in Cathedral Square including a temporary portable accessible toilet.

Seating: This area has public benches. There will also be a seated area available close to the food vendors and live music stage

Ground Conditions: The ground in this area is made up of areas of paving stones and also some grassed areas. The marquee in this area is situated on paved ground. The bell tent is situated on a grassed area. The stretched canvas is situated on a grassed area.

Sound: Multiple activities will be taking place in this area such as workshops in marquees, street food stalls, an outdoor performance area and a live music stage so expect varying noise levels throughout the day. Performances will take place around this location. Please be aware that noise levels may vary throughout the day. The programme has timings for when the performances will take place.

Crowds: This area is a large outdoor space. There are multiple activities happening within this space. There is a live music stage 'The Melodrome' so the area around this stage may be crowded during performances.

Tinkertown - Front of the Cathedral

Venue address: Cathedral Gardens, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///tour.sheets.stored

About Venue: Tinker Town is an outdoor activity located at the front of Blackburn Cathedral.

Here you will find:

- A large scale den building activity using pallets

Physical Venue Access:

- Access requires movement from a paved pathway onto a grassed area
- Access is not level due to a 4cm lip
- Open to the weather

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets: Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information. Alternative nearby toilets: The Mall Shopping Centre entrance from Church Street

Seating: No seating is available at this space

Ground Conditions: This activity is located on a grass surface with no slopes. The ground may have small bumps and dips but is generally level. Ground conditions may vary depending on weather and may become muddy during periods of heavy rain, particularly at the entrance.

Sound: This activity may involve the use of tools such as hammers. Visitors should expect associated workshop noise.

Crowds & Capacity: Each activity in this space may have limited capacity and some activities may require advance booking. There may be a short wait or queue if an activity is at full capacity.

Noisy Toys - Cathedral Gardens

Venue address: Cathedral Gardens, Blackburn

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///flag.foo!oppose

About Venue: Noisy Toys is an outdoor activity located at the side of Blackburn Cathedral.

Here you will find:

- A drop-in STEAM activity

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor venue underneath a stretched canvas canopy tent
- Access requires movement from a paved pathway onto a grassed area
- Access is not level due to a 4cm lip
- Open to the weather

Toilet Facilities: Nearest toilets: Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information. Alternative nearby toilets: The Mall Shopping Centre entrance from Church Street

Seating: No seating is available at this space

Ground Conditions: This activity is located on a grass surface with no slopes. The ground may have small bumps and dips but is generally level. Ground conditions may vary depending on weather and may become muddy during periods of heavy rain, particularly at the entrance.

Sound: This area will have a large-scale activity which uses e-waste and involves sound making so expect this space to be louder than others.

Crowds & Capacity: Capacity is limited so queueing may be required if the area is at full capacity. When at full capacity the space may be busy with a lot of movement.

Workshop Marquee - Cathedral Square

Venue address: Cathedral Square

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///living.award.runner

About Venue: Cathedral Square Workshop Marquee is an outdoor venue located inside a large Marquee

Here you will find:

- Drop-in Workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor marquee venue
- Level access
- Entrance is wheelchair accessible

Toilet Facilities: Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information

Seating: No seating is provided other than for participants taking part in a workshop.

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: Multiple activities may take place within the space at one time with varying noise levels throughout the day.

Crowds: During busy periods the space may become crowded and there may be less room to move around.

Capacity: Each activity in this space may have limited capacity. There may be a short wait or queue if an activity is at full capacity.

Kitchen Tables Workshop Tent - Cathedral Square

Venue address: Cathedral Square

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///ledge.green.healers

About Venue: Kitchen Tables is an outdoor workshop space located inside a large bell tent.

Here you will find:

- Sign-up on the day workshops

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor venue
- Bell tent entrance is at ground level with no step
- Wheelchair accessible entrance
- Surface change from paved pathway to grass at the entrance

Toilet Facilities: Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available for workshop participants.

Ground Conditions: The bell tent is located on a grass surface with no slopes. The ground may have small bumps and dips but is generally level. There is no flooring inside the tent. Ground conditions may vary depending on weather and may become muddy during periods of heavy rain, particularly at the entrance.

Sound: Multiple activities may take place within the space at one time with varying noise levels throughout the day. The bell tent is located close to the Cathedral Square Performance Area and live music stage.

Crowds & Capacity: Each activity in this space may have limited capacity and some activities may require advance booking. There may be a short wait or queue if an activity is waiting to start.

Street Food - Cathedral Square

Venue address: Cathedral Square

Google Maps link: [View Location](#)

What3Words: ///solar.eaten.patio

About Venue: A section of the street will have a number of street food stalls in this area.

Here you will find:

- Street food stalls

Physical Venue Access:

- Outdoor venue
- Ground surface is made of paving stones

Toilet Facilities: Please see Cathedral Square & Gardens accessibility information.

Seating: Seating is available next to the food traders.

Ground Conditions: The ground surface in this area is made of paving stones.

Sound: This area is close to the Cathedral Square live music stage and performance area. During performance times, expect increased noise levels.

Capacity: There may be a short wait or queue if food traders are busy.