

Guide to Access at IF: Milton Keynes International Festival 2023

Introduction

IF welcomes everyone and seeks to improve access at each new Festival edition. We do this through developing new creative work with D/deaf and disabled artists and working with interpreters to make our artworks and performances accessible. The programming and production team consider access for our artists, performers, audiences, participants, volunteers and staff at every stage throughout the 10 days of the Festival and during the two years of the Festival's development.

If you are visiting the Festival you will be greeted by our friendly team of staff and volunteers who include D/deaf and Disabled people.

About the Festival

The Festival takes place every 2 years. It last for 10 days and this year starts on Friday 21st July and finishes on Sunday 30th July.

Please note that The Place Between, a new Festival exhibition in Middleton Hall, centre:mk starts earlier than the main festival on Friday 14th July.

This year the Festival invites you to discover new ways of looking at the world and the challenges we face. The programme explores ideas of belonging, identity and journeys, both physical and emotional.

The Festival's multi-art form programme is packed with free family events, new commissions and premieres, community projects large-scale outdoor and family events including dance, theatre, concerts, talks and visual art installations.

Access information

IF: 2023 website

What's On Page : <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/whats-on>

Access Information for each show is available on website event pages.

Access Page: <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/your-visit/access-1>

Find out about access at the Festival on our dedicated access page.

There you can Watch Listen and Download IF: 2023 Access Guides

1. IF: 2023 Guide to Access at IF: 2023
2. IF: 2023 Audio Described Guide (recording available on soundcloud)
3. IF: 2023 Large Print Guide
4. IF: 2023 BSL Guide (video also available on YouTube)

5. IF: 2023 Easy Read Guide co-produced with Camphill

Free Guided Tours

IF runs a Deaf led BSL Tour and Audio Described Tours of Festival art installations in Central Milton Keynes. Details of how to book your place can be found online and in BSL and Audio Described Guide available on our access pages.

Accessible Shows

Selected shows with BSL, Captioning and Audio Description are listed on event pages. Please check out our BSL and Audio Described Access Guides or website event pages. Contact our Box Office to book tickets and discuss access requirements.

Festival Social media:

Twitter and Facebook: @IFMKfest

Instagram: ifmkfest

Hashtag: #IFMKfest

Each event description on the Festival website uses symbols to help you understand quickly what access measures are in place and simple descriptions of what you can expect from an event.

Symbols Guide:

Our event pages use symbols to let you know at a glance what access is available and what you can expect.

Access Symbols



Audio Described



Assistance Dogs
Welcome



Hearing Loop
Available



Blue Badge Parking



BSL Interpreted



Captioned
Performance



Wheelchair
Accessible



Wheelchair Viewing
Area




Drop Off/Pick Up
Point



Relaxed
Performance

What to Expect

 Family Friendly

 Join In!

 Make Some Noise


 Seated Event

 Outdoor Event

 Loud Event

 Standing Event

 Digital Content

 Flashing Lights

 No Speech

Booking Tickets

Some events are free, and you can just turn up. Some are free, but you need to book tickets. And there are others you have to buy tickets for.

Our Box Office staff are happy to help with all your enquiries about buying tickets, coming to the events and access requirements.

Buy tickets on our website: ifmiltonkeynes.org

Email: access@stables.org

Tel: 01908 280800

Booking for wheelchair, companion and personal assistant seats

Please contact the Box Office by email access@thestables.org or call 01908 280800.

Access at our Festival sites

The Festival takes place in Central Milton Keynes, including centre:mk shopping centre and across Milton Keynes, in parks and outdoor public space.

Festival central in Campbell Park is the heart of the festival, where you can see shows, buy food and drink and soak up the festival atmosphere. The Stables Speigeltent and The Stables Sessions: Acoustic Stage at Festival Central host a programme of music and comedy.

Accessible facilities

- Accessible toilets are available at all festival sites.
- Changing Places toilets are available in centre:mk and at MK Gallery.
- Assistance dogs are welcome at all festival sites.
- Large print menus are available from food vendors
- Lower serving positions are available in our Festival bars.
- Limited Blue badge parking is available at Festival Central in Campbell Park, Great Linford Manor Park, The Stables at Wavendon. Other Blue badge parking is available in centre:mk car park and throughout Central Milton Keynes.
- Our Milton Keynes Festival sites have a network of pathways accessible for wheelchairs.

Traveling to the Festival

The festival website has information about local transport, road and cycle networks.

Getting around in Milton Keynes <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/your-visit/getting-around-mk>
Or, If you are visiting MK: <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/your-visit/visiting-mk>

We look forward to welcoming you to the Festival.