

## **Accessibility Information School of Art Gallery, Aberystwyth University**

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Opening times: Monday – Friday 10:00 – 17:00

Admission: free

The School of Art building was designed and constructed in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when accessibility was not considered to be such an important issue. The building is now Grade II\* listed and making major alterations to the fabric of the building is not always an option in solving accessibility issues. We continue to make improvements to our facilities to ensure that everybody's visit is as enjoyable and as worthwhile as possible.

- The School of Art building is situated half way up a hill. This means that the footpath leading towards it is a little steep and uneven. If you have mobility issues you might want to consider taking a taxi. It only takes about 5 minutes and costs about £4. The taxi rank is next to the train station. The taxi can drop you off right in front of the main entrance.
- For visitors arriving with their own car, we offer disabled parking at the far end of the building.
- Five steps lead up to the porch of the main door, a further step to the door itself. A hand railing is on the right of the first five steps. The main door opens automatically on approach to the inside. Another door leading into the foyer opens manually towards the outside. If you require assistance, please ring the bell. The grey button is located outside to the right of the steps.

- Wheelchair or scooter access can be provided to the lower part of the building. The entrance is via the emergency exit at the back of the building (path next to the disabled parking space). Please press the grey button to the left of the steps of the main entrance. We can then point you towards the path leading to the back and open the door for you. A further bell is provided next to the emergency exit at the back.
- The public galleries are level and on the ground floor. They can be accessed with wheelchairs and scooters.
- The floors on the ground floor are even and either stone, carpet, lino or laminate.
- During graduate shows, part of the exhibitions will be on the upper floors of the building. Unfortunately, these are only accessible via staircases.
- The distances within the public spaces are very short. Entrance areas, galleries and toilets are all located within a few meters of each other.
- A wheelchair/scooter accessible toilet is provided on the ground floor. It is to the left of the main staircase.
- Guide dogs and assistance dogs are welcome on the ground floor and in the public galleries. A park is only a 3-minute walk away where the dog can relieve itself. Accessing the park requires walking up and down a slightly steep, uneven footpath. The park itself is level.
- There is no specific reception for gallery visitors, but staff located in the offices to the left and right of the main entrance are happy to help with general queries.
- The areas can be busy at times as there is teaching going on Monday – Friday. Wednesday afternoons are generally quieter as no teaching takes place then.
- The noise level in the galleries is usually low. Depending on the nature of the exhibition, there may be videos; however, these are usually on 'mute'.

- Each gallery has a couple of armchairs. You are welcome to take a break.
- All public areas such as foyer, galleries and toilet facilities are well lit.
- Unfortunately, we have no refreshment facilities or gallery shop. There are cafes, pubs and restaurants in town, only a few minutes walk or drive away.
- The Arts Centre within the main campus on top of Penglais Hill is only a short drive away, too. They offer disabled parking, disabled toilets and a café that is convenient for scooters and wheelchairs. The Ceramic Gallery is located on the lower level. A stair lift is available. For more information, please visit the website:  
<https://www.aberystwythartscentre.co.uk/disabled-access>
- In case you require more information, please don't hesitate to contact us via email or telephone. See above for contact details. The office is usually open Monday – Friday between 9:30 – 15:00.