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Access Guide - Weymouth

Friday 22nd September, 8pm – 8.45pm

Saturday 23rd September, 12pm – 12.45pm and 8pm – 8.45pm

This Access Guide is produced by Activate Performing Arts and aims to inform and support audiences planning to attend Inside Out Dorset 2023. The guide contains information about accessing our events and the facilities available to audiences onsite. All events will have a dedicated Information Point if you have any questions on the day or you can contact us if you have any further questions or feedback.

Hard copies of all our print materials are available upon request.

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Introduction

The event is being held in Weymouth Town Centre on **Friday 22nd September, 8pm,** and **Saturday 23rd September, 12pm and 8pm**

Start: New Bond Street, Weymouth DT4 8LY



End: Hope Square, Weymouth DT4 8TR



The route will pass through the main town centre of Weymouth along hardstanding pavements, with drop curbs.

Visual Journey Videos available from our [website](#)

Grading Key

The following coding system has been used where possible, detailed descriptions on each site are also included. The information included in this guide is to help audience members decide how they access the event sites.

1

Gentle to moderate gradients with reasonably level surfaces. Path surfaces include tarmac, short grass and firm compacted gravel. No narrow gaps, steps or other access restrictions. Suitable for some wheelchair and mobility scooter users, but assistance may be required on some slopes and surfaces.

2

Moderate gradients with uneven surfaces. Long grass and uneven surfaced paths with loose gravel, and larger sized stones. No narrow gaps, steps or other access restrictions. Suitable for users of some all-terrain mobility scooters.

3

Steep gradients or paths with narrow, uneven surfaces. Long grass, un-surfaced paths with larger diameter loose gravel, bare earth, exposed tree roots and large stones. Narrow gaps including bridges, steps and other access restrictions. Not suitable for wheelchair or mobility scooter users.

POUPÉES GÉANTES by Transe Express

Live music and visual performance over a promenading walking route.

Type of Event: Live performance, music, promenade

Grading Key:

1

Terrain: hard-standing, pavement with dropped curbs, road closures in place

Duration: approx. 60 minutes

Seated/ standing: Standing, walking during promenade of approximately 750m. The route on includes a short section on Town Bridge with a steeper gradient.

Designated Access Area: will be available at key points - Access Volunteers available for assistance

Sudden Loud noises and Lighting effects: includes loud drumming.

Site Information:

Parking:

Nearest Blue Badge parking is:

- Harbourside car park (DT4 8NA) has 6 disabled parking spaces and is approximately 70m from the event starting point. Carparks are pay and display, free after 6pm. Please note, access may be temporarily affected by event road closures.
- Melcombe Regis car park (DT4 7DW) has 11 disabled parking spaces and is approximately 400m from the event starting point. Carparks are pay and display, free after 6pm.
- Swannery car park (DT4 7TY) has 27 disabled parking spaces and is approximately 700m from the event starting point. Carparks are pay and display, free after 6pm.

Accessible Toilets:

Across the event sites, Weymouth Town Council maintain accessible toilets at: Cove Street (9am – 6pm), Maiden Street (8am – 9pm) and King's Statue (8am – 9pm). A RADAR key is required at Cove Street.

A Changing Places toilet is available at Weymouth Beach control office, King's Statue (9am – 5pm). Access can be obtained via the Weymouth Beach control office.

Food and drink: There are a number of cafés and restaurants across the event site in Weymouth. For more information visit www.weareweymouth.co.uk.

What to Bring: All events are outdoors, so please dress appropriately for the changing weather and time of day and bring a water bottle.

All of the activities are chilled performances. A chilled performance takes a more casual approach to noise and movement in the performance space, but the performance itself is unchanged. We always have friendly staff and volunteers on hand if you have any questions.

General Information

Access Plan: Our full festival Access Plan is available from our [website](#).

Access Volunteers: There will be designated Access Volunteers at all sites and they will be clearly identified. Look for the Logo:



Designate Viewing Areas / Seating:

Not all these events are seated or have a designated Disabled Viewing Area, and in some instances, audiences will move around, so suitable footwear is essential.

Disabled Viewing Areas will be for audience members who need to remain seated for the performance duration. These will be clearly identified and will have Access Volunteers on hand for your support. Look for the Logo:



Areas will have limited capacity for your safety, provided on a first-come-first-served basis. We operate a '1 plus 1' policy for audience members using this area to ensure as many people as possible who require seating can access it. A limited number of seats will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own where possible.

Chilled Performances:

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Visual Story:

We have a Visual Story available for the festival from our [website](#).

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We aim to respond to all access enquiries within 2 working days, but there may be a delay during the festival period 15th – 24th September 2023 whilst we are running the festival events.

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