



Access Guide – Christchurch

Friday 12th September; 5pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th September; 10am – 7pm

Monday 15th September; 10am – 2pm

This Access Guide is produced by Activate Performing Arts and aims to inform and support audiences planning to attend Inside Out Dorset 2025. 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 at The Quay in Christchurch on **Friday 12th September, 5pm – 7.30pm, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 10am – 7pm; and Monday 15th September 10am to 2pm.**

Location: The Quay, Christchurch BH23 1BU



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.

RIVER OF HOPE by Heidi Steller & Matt West

River of Hope is an art and learning project. It helps young people talk about the climate crisis through creative activities like drawing, writing, and making art. The project uses themes from nature and the environment to inspire ideas. The artwork is displayed as a series of colourful flags, designed by young people and shown in outdoor spaces.

Type of Event: Visual art with accompanying documentary films screened in a shipping container

Grading Key:

1

Terrain: Grading 1: Compacted earth, short grass and tarmac pathways.

Duration: ongoing

Seated/ standing: Standing, although park benches are available on site

Designated Access Area: none

Sudden Loud noises and Lighting effects: none

WE RISE by Dorset Youth Dance

We Rise is a dance performance by Dorset Youth Dance. Dorset Youth Dance are led by Emily Thompson-Smith and are produced by Activate Performing Arts. The performance takes place on the grass area and the audience are invited to sit, stand or rest on the grass to watch.

The performance will start at 2pm and be repeated at 3pm.

Type of Event: Dance performance with recorded, amplified music.

Grading Key:

1

Terrain: Grading 1: Compacted earth, short grass and tarmac pathways.

Duration: 10 minutes.

Seated/ standing: Standing, sitting on the grass.

Designated Access Area: none

Sudden Loud noises and Lighting effects: none

MEET THE ARTIST with Heidi Steller

An informal talk with Heidi Steller. Heidi will talk about the process of making the River of Hope flags with the school groups.

The talk will be 2:15pm - 2:45pm.

Type of Event: Informal Talk

Grading Key:

1

Terrain: Grading 1: Compacted earth, short grass and tarmac pathways.

Duration: 30 minutes.

Seated/ standing: Standing, sitting on the grass.

Designated Access Area: none

Sudden Loud noises and Lighting effects: none

Site Information

Parking

Nearest Blue Badge parking is:

Christchurch Priory Car Park, Quay Rd, Christchurch BH23 1BY. Has 6 disabled parking spaces and access to site is approximately 100m.

Accessible Toilets

There are accessible public toilets available at Christchurch Quay, near The Quomps and the Splashpark. BH23 1BZ

Activate will be providing a Mobiloo Changing Places facility on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September, open 10am – 4pm daily.

Food and drink

There are a number of cafés and restaurants across Christchurch town centre. For more information about places to eat, the Visit Dorset website contains useful links and recommendations: <https://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/christchurch/eating-out/>

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:



Designated 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.

Relaxed Hour

We have a relaxed hour on Monday 15th September between 10am and 11am. During this time, there will be fewer people and the environment will be quieter. You are very welcome to come at any time that suits you. Our team will be there and happy to help.

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 12th-21st September 2025 whilst we are running the festival events.

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