



Verve 2019 Accessibility Statement

In 2019, Verve Poetry Festival is moving to the Old Rep Theatre. Events of all four days of the festival will take place on the Main Stage with workshops happening in the dressing rooms (more details below). We want to make sure that everyone can enjoy our festival, so if you need any help with getting to where you need to go on the day don't hesitate to ask us. You will discover that Verve volunteers are pretty easy to spot!

ACCESSING MAIN STAGE EVENTS

Due to the age of the theatre and its Grade II listed status, there are a lot of stairs, no lifts and the auditorium is quite steeply raked. If you're unable to climb stairs we recommend that you use the Theatre's Hinckley Street entrance for step-free access.

ACCESSING WORKSHOPS

Workshops are programmed to happen in the dressing rooms at the Old Rep. The layout of the building means those rooms are not wheelchair accessible HOWEVER we are committed to making sure everyone can benefit from these sessions. We will therefore be writing to workshop attendees in advance and will organise alternate spaces for workshops that people would otherwise struggle to access.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

Wheelchair positions are located in the first row of the stalls. For Verve Poetry festival, the Old Rep have offered to take out more seats to allow for wheelchair spaces additional to their usual two, so there's no limit on attendance for wheelchair users.

Carers/those accompanying a person in a wheelchair are eligible for a complimentary ticket to sit next to the wheelchair user. To reserve your complimentary ticket, email fabio.j.thomas@hotmail.com with the name your paid ticket is under and the name you'd like your complimentary ticket reserved under.

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

An accessibility toilet can be found in the Hinckley Bar.

PARKING

The nearest parking for Blue Badge holders is the nearby Dudley Street car park (B5 4PJ) and Markets Multi-Storey car park, Moat Lane (B5 6BS).



ASSISTANCE DOGS

The Old Rep is an assistance dog friendly theatre. You are welcome to take assistance dogs into the auditorium with you or we are happy to look after your dog in the Box Office or Hinckley Bar.

HEARING IMPAIRED PATRONS

For audience members who are hearing impaired, the theatre is fitted with a Senheisser infra-red hearing enhancement system. To use this, please collect a receiver from the Box Office.

We are unable to provide BSL interpretation for events.

We want Verve Poetry Festival to be accessible for everyone and aim to make your visit as enjoyable as possible. If you have more specific access requirements or there is anything we can do to make your visit easier, please let us know by emailing fabio.j.thomas@hotmail.com and we will make every effort to accommodate you.