

Location: Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre

Website: <http://www.roundhouse.ca/>

Address & Phone Number: 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver, (604) 713-1800, 604) 713-1811

[Google Map of The Roundhouse](#)

Please Be Sure To See the Full Access Audit Here: [Link To The Full Access Audit](#)

Accessibility Ratings: **FULL**/**SEMI**/**NON**

Wheelchair/ Scooter User /Mobility Limited Accessibility: main space **FULL**, bathrooms: **SEMI**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessibility: **SEMI**

Blind and Vision Limited Accessibility: **SEMI**

Scent Reduction/ Scent Free Accessibility: **SEMI**

Accessibilities Rating Key:

FULL: e.g. can freely access all publicly available spaces; scent policy in place and enforced; ASL, Braille, & other accommodations available at no charge to the individual; sliding scale available; etc.

SEMI: e.g. can access most/main activity spaces but not all public areas, some arrangements/changes required, some accommodations provided for deaf/HoH and blind/vision limited folks; adequate lighting for signing; limited scent policy; etc.

NON: e.g. can't access main public areas; no scent policy in place; no asl, Braille or other accommodations; inadequate lighting for signing; no sliding scale; etc.

Please note that I conducted this audit while riding my Ranger Scooter, which measures 44"long X 25"at the widest X about 48"high with me in it. That may give you a better sense of space.

The Roundhouse is more than a community centre; it is an arts, dance, sports, educational community space which hosts a huge range of events, some one-offs, others ongoing. Located in the heart of Vancouver's Yaletown, The Roundhouse is also on accessible transit routes, and many accessible restaurants, parks, shops and other amenities, as well as being a bus ride from English Bay.

The entire space is almost entirely wheelchair accessible, from the theatre, gymnasium, gallery, cafe, meeting rooms and more. There are ample outside spaces to sit in the sun with a book in between classes, often art hanging in the gallery space, and always something fun going on. It is an open-concept space, offering barrier free access to all areas of the centre. There are three wheelchair accessible washrooms. The main floor washroom is single-stall, gender neutral, and spacious, though it does not have an auto door opener; and there are two gendered stalls within the changerooms near the front desk. The two upstairs are contained in gendered washrooms are smaller, but still can accommodate someone using a large motorized scooter.

Staff are friendly and knowledgable, and have experience assisting folks with a variety of needs.

Please note that there is not currently a scent-reduced policy in place at The Roundhouse, though specific events will have their own policies. Refer to these resources if you'd like to learn more about how you can help create a safer environment for folks with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities:

Fragrance Free Femme Of Colour Realness, by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha:

<http://www.brownstargirl.org/1/post/2012/03/fragrance-free-femme-of-colour-realness-draft-15.html>

A FAQ on MCS and being scent-free:

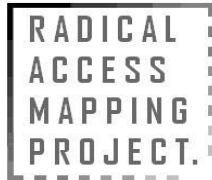
<http://www.peggymunson.com/mcs/fragrancefree.html>

On making your event scent-free or scent-reduced:

<http://dualpowerproductions.com/2011/03/26/organizing-a-fragrance-free-event/>

On products you can use to reduce your use of scents:

<http://eastbaymeditation.org/accessibility/scentfree.html>



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<https://radicalaccessiblecommunities.wordpress.com/>