Pride in London 2025 Large Print Document

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Registration for Access Wristband

At Pride in London, we are dedicated to fostering an environment of accessibility and inclusivity for all attendees at our event. We take a proactive and respectful manner to create an environment where everyone, regardless of ability, feels fully included. From accommodating diverse needs to ensuring equal participation opportunities, we prioritise creating an inclusive space where everyone feels welcome and valued. To provide the best possible experience, we ask that everyone who wishes to use the access facilities at Pride in London complete and submit an Access Registration Form. We need your registration for access in advance to ensure your needs and accommodations can be adequately met. The following are some key reasons why we need your registrations:

- Accessibility Planning & Resource Allocation: We need to estimate the needs of our participants to better allocate resources and to tailor our access facilities and services, including the capacity of our safe spaces.
- Volunteers Preparedness: Registering in advance allows us to be prepared to assist disabled participants effectively, including training volunteers and wayfinding.

 Safety and Emergency Preparedness: In the event of an emergency, such as an evacuation, your registration allows us for better emergency planning and ensures that everyone can safely exit, especially those who may need assistance.

1.2 Partnership with Nimbus

Our partnership with Nimbus Disability's Access Card

Scheme allows us to understand better and provide reasonable adjustments for access requirements across our event spaces. Nimbus offers greater privacy without needing to carry supporting documents. This partnership allows us to validate access requirements, provide reasonable adjustments, and protect against potential misuse.

Nimbus's Access Card is a multiple-award-winning scheme run by disabled people, for disabled people. It is a universal proof of access requirements scheme, which is accepted and recognised at thousands of events, venues and attractions across the UK and beyond.

To obtain an Access card, you can apply for a **FREE** card exclusively for Pride in London which is valid for 3 years or upgrade your card to be transferable to any other organisation at £15 valid for 3 years, which means that your access

requirements are pre-registered at 2,500 venues and events in the UK and beyond.

Chapter 2: How to travel to Pride

To ensure a seamless experience for all attendees, we strongly advise early planning of transportation arrangements. Due to road closures and limited transportation services on the event day, we recommend arranging alternative routes or modes of transportation in advance to minimise disruptions and ensure timely arrival.

For more details visit the <u>access map page</u>.

By Accessible Tube Stations:

- To Parade Access Safe Space (Old Park Lane, near Hard Rock Café)
 - o To Green Park Station ~ 7 min/500 m
- Trafalgar Square Stage:
 - o To Tottenham Court Road Station ~ 12 min/900 m
 - o To Westminster Station ~ 12 min/850 m
- Leicester Square Stage
 - o To Tottenham Court Road Station ~ 10 min/750 m
 - o To Green Park Station ~ 14 min/1000 m
- Golden Square Stage
 - o To Green Park Station ~ 12 min / 800 m
 - o To Bond Street Station ~10 min/700 m
 - o To Tottenham Court Road Station ~ 11 min/800 m
- Soho Square
 - o To Tottenham Court Road Station ~ 3 min/200 m

- o To Bond Street Station ~ 15 min/1100 m
- Victoria Embankment Gardens (Family Area):
 - o To Waterloo Station ~ 12 min/800 m
 - o To Westminster Station ~ 10 min/750 m

Download the TFL Go App for live travel updates and accessible travel advice.

On the TFL website are <u>accessible guides</u> to download.

By car

- We have a small number of accessible parking places at the Q-Park in Chinatown.
- Please note Q-Park closes at 10am due to road closures being put in place.
- The maximum height for vehicles is 1.98m (6ft 5in), although we will try to find another parking area if your vehicle is too tall.

Access shuttle bus

A wheelchair accessible shuttle bus will be available on the day to help people with access needs get to the Parade Access Safe Space (Old Park Lane, near Hard Rock Café). Please complete the registration to secure your place in our service The Access Bus route is as below:

To use this service, please submit your Nimbus Access ID Number to Pride in London.

- 10:00 am Kings Cross Pick Up: Between King's Cross and St Pancras Station on Pancras Road opposite Wasabi Sushi and Bento
- 10:45 am Charing Cross Pick Up: In front of Charing Cross Station. At the disabled parking spot
- 11:15 am Parade Drop off at Parade Access Safe Space (Old Park Lane, near Hard Rock Café): At the end of Old Park Lane between Hard Rock Cafe and Hard Rock London Rock Shop

Chapter 3: Accessibility at the Parade

3.1 Watching the parade

On the Parade route we have an accessible viewing area next to the Grandstand on Picaddily SW1X.

3.2 Joining the parade

We offer a Parade Safe Space for anyone who identifies as Deaf or disabled or has additional access requirements. Located near the front in a quieter section of the parade, we have a hop-on hop-off wheelchair accessible bus and a fantastic team of trained access volunteers and BSL interpreters. We are also assistance dog friendly.

3.3 Starting Point: Access Assembly

Please pre-apply for any access provisions you require using our access requirements form above. Please be aware spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. We want to ensure everyone can stay together to enjoy themselves - Personal Assistants/Support
Workers/Carers/Family/Friends are welcome.

The access assembly point is Hertford Street. Check our travel tips above for more information on how to get there.

Our volunteers and a BSL interpreter will be available from 10:30am to welcome you and answer any questions you may have about the rest of your day. The Parade is scheduled to start at 12pm mid-day, we join approximately 15 minutes after it has started. You will need to be at the Access Assembly Point by 12pm to ensure you can join the parade safe space.

There will be an accessible toilet available at the assembly point.

Our Access Volunteers are there to help us move from the access assembly point into the parade. Volunteers also travel the route of the parade with you.

Although we are at a quieter section of the parade, it is still very noisy and as we travel the Parade route spectators will be clapping and cheering. We do not allow whistles or megaphones in the Safe Space as we want to reduce the immediate noise for people in our group with sensory sensitivities and assistance animals.

You are welcome to bring banners with you but our volunteers cannot help you carry them.

Once the parade has started, if you wish to leave you can do so at set points, but it is not possible to re-join, so if you have plans to meet friends arrange to do so when you reach Trafalgar Square.

It takes approximately 2 hours to travel the parade route. We do have a shuttle bus that will travel with us that can be used for rest, or as somewhere quieter to experience the parade from. The shuttle continues with the Safe Space to Trafalgar Square – again with our volunteers on board.

3.4 Finishing Point: Trafalgar Square

When the Parade reaches Suffolk Place, the Access Safe Space will leave the Parade and move down Pall Mall East. Access volunteers will then lead the group to the Trafalgar Square viewing platform where we have a direct view of the stage, speech to text and BSL interpreters on the screens. We also have a 'changing places' mobiloo toilet, a wheelchair charging point, a rest area for assistance animals and a quiet rest tent if space away from the crowds is needed.

Chapter 4: Accessibility at our Stages

Our access facilities and support for our stages are designed to ensure seamless and safe navigation for all. We prioritise inclusivity and accessibility to accommodate diverse needs.

4.1 Trafalgar Square: Main Stage

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Location: Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN

Accessibility:

- A BSL interpreter
- A live speech-to-text service
- Induction loop
- An accessible viewing area with seating
- Assistance dog rest area
- Wheelchair charging point
- Accessible toilets
- Changing Places Unit
- First Aid point
- Trained Access Team

4.2 Victoria Embankment Gardens - Family Area

Time: 12pm to 6pm

Location: Victoria Embankment Gardens, London, Westminster,

London, WC2N

Accessibility:

- A BSL interpreter
- An accessible viewing area with seating
- Accessible toilets
- Trained Access Team

4.3 Leicester Square: LGBTQIA Women Stage

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Location: Leicester Square, Leicester Square, London WC2H

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- Accessibility:
- A BSL interpreter
- An accessible viewing area with seating
- Accessible toilets
- Trained Access Team

4.4 Golden Square: World Stage

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Location: Golden Square, Golden Square, London W1R 3AD

Accessibility:

- A BSL interpreter on stage
- Accessible toilets
- Trained Access Team

4.5 Soho Square: Trans and Non binary Community Stage

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Location: Soho Square, London W1D 3QP

Accessibility:

- A BSL interpreter
- An accessible viewing area with seating
- Accessible toilets
- Trained Access Team

4.6 Dean Street: Cabaret Stage

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Location: Dean Street Stage, Dean Street, London W1D 4QH

Accessibility:

- A BSL interpreter on stage
- Accessible toilets

Chapter 5 Volunteering

At Pride in London we welcome volunteers with disabilities either as support on-the-day to help with a variety of roles like parade stewards, wheel stewards, way-finders, fundraisers and more to keep the events running smoothly.

As well as, on-the-day volunteering we also have a core team of dedicated volunteers who have been working throughout the year to organise Pride in London. It's not just the parade, it's a year of advocacy, lifelong friendship and parties along the way and everyone is welcome.

Our ways of working are inclusive by design but if you require any reasonable accommodations throughout the process please do let us know.

Chapter 6 FAQ & Contact

Question: Will there be accessible toilets available?

Yes! We have accessible toilet facilities around the event as well as a changing place unit located at Trafalgar Square. To use these facilities, please pre-register for an Access wristband.

Question: Is there disabled access parking?

We have a limited number of bays at Q Park

Chinatown, pre-apply by filling out the form to reserve a spot.

Please be aware that this is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Question: Do I need tickets?

No, you don't need tickets to attend; however, we highly recommend you to pre-register for an Access wristband to use any access provisions.

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