

Lèse-Majesté @ Bethnal Green Working Men's Club - Accessibility document

While we have tried to cover everything that we could think of, Friends of the Joiners Arms is very happy to hear any additional areas/details that we could include in future accessibility documents - if you have any feedback, please email thejoinersliveson@gmail.com. We are working with BGWMC to make Lèse-Majesté as accessible as we can, and we are in the process of planning accessibility for future events. Again, if you have been to any venues that you thought were great (or if there are any further improvements we could make to the night), please let us know by emailing us at thejoinersliveson@gmail.com!

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Getting to venue

The nearest train stations are:

- Cambridge Heath Overground station: 0.5 miles away
- Bethnal Green Underground station: 0.5 miles away
- Bethnal Green Overground station: 0.5 miles away
- Shoreditch High Street Overground station: 0.6 miles away. Street to platform is step-free; between platform and train is a step of 0-50mm and a gap of 0-85mm.

Closest bus stops are:

Bethnal Green Road (for 8, N8, 388, D3): 0.1 miles away

Hackney Road (for 26, N26, 55, N55): 0.3 miles away

Routes from stations/stops to venue consist of level-access enabled by dropped kerbs, however tactile paving/detectable warning surfaces is limited.

Parking is available nearby - see map below:



Map which shows “Permit Holders or Payment Parking Bay” marked with red arrow in Pollard Row and Squirries Street around Bethnal Green working Mens Club where you can park for free displaying a Disabled Blue Badge for an unlimited period. - Parking and Mobility Services, Tower Hamlets council (November 2021)

Drop-offs are possible on Pollard Row and Florida Street. Both are very close to venue, Florida Street likely to be quieter.

Assistance people/animals/technology

- Assistance animals are permitted: there is a park across the road to take dogs and bowls are available to give them water

- There is no loop system for hearing aid users
- For this particular event there will be no BSL interpretation or audio description, but we are working towards including both in future events.

Signage

- Our safer spaces policy and directional signs will be located throughout the venue.
- All signage will be clear, and displayed at multiple levels. This will be high contrast and placed throughout the venue, particularly in more well-lit areas.

Seating

- Seating is available, and has backrests with no armrests.
- Seats and tables are moveable, and we can move furniture in order to accommodate specific requests.

Temperature

- The temperature will be set to 21° but this will vary slightly with the business of the venue. If you wish to bring heaters/electric

fans in order to have more control of the temperature where you are seated, please let us know ahead of time and this can be accommodated.

Lighting/Smoke

- Levels of lighting are variable throughout venue (for example the toilets are very brightly-lit, the main entrance is warmly lit, while the performance space is more dimly-lit).
- We anticipate flashing disco lights being used throughout the night, but this can be turned off as needed. Strobe lighting can also be turned off, and any usage of strobe lighting will be accompanied by a warning beforehand.
- There is a moving disco ball which casts moving light onto performance space, but again we can turn off if needed.
- A haze smoke machine will be used to create a light smoke haze throughout the evening, so this can be stopped if it is too excessive. If you would like us to not use this at all, please let us know so that the machine will not be used from the very beginning of the evening. The haze smoke

machine makes a steady humming noise, which will most likely not be heard while music is being played.

- No vaping/smoking is permitted anywhere inside the venue, only in the smoking area outside

Staff

- All staff, including security will be trained on our safer spaces policy.
- Security checks will consist of bag checks and mention of noise concerns when leaving the venue. There will be no physical checking of guests as they enter.
- There will be Covid-19 checks in-place - please see [here for full details](#).

Space information

Lèse-Majesté takes place from 7pm until 1am, and will be the only event taking place in Bethnal Green Working Men's Club on November 25th. The event is strictly 18+, and as such there are no facilities for chestfeeding, expressing or preparing food for children. There are clear sightlines throughout the entire venue.

The spaces that all guests will have access to are: the main entrance and entrance foyer, the space for the performance and dancing (which includes the bar), two gender-neutral toilets, and a smoking area. There will also be a separate area for performers to get ready, which will not be open to general guests.

Details of these below:

Main entrance/foyer

Entrance foyer space - fairly well-lit, accessible through two double doors from street, 6 stone steps up from street bisected by handrail

- Cloakroom is in this space - £1 an item



Image description: Entrance to Bethnal Green Working Men's Club from street. Main entrance doorway to club from street level, up 6 stone steps bisected by metal handrail.



Image description: BGWMC entrance steps. Aerial shot looking down the six stone steps into club from street level.



Image description: photograph taken from main entry, on the left is the box office and on the right, the coatcheck window can be seen; doorway on the left through to steps up to performance space and toilets; in the centre of the image are stairs down to lower level and smoking area.



Image description: Taken from steps up to performance space, entrance doors and foyer with chequered tile floor can be seen in centre of frame, with box office window on right of image and table in front of coatcheck on left.



Image description: double doors into entrance and foyer in centre of image, with box office ticket booth on right of image with hand sanitiser station

Performance/dancing space

Event space with stage and bar - 35 ft x 38 ft. ceiling height 11ft. Space is mix of carpeting and vinyl flooring (immediately in front of bar and stage), with slight lip at surface transitions

Stage space (2 lots of 3 steps up), with DJ space at end. Stage space: 8 deep x16ft wide x 2.3 ft high. DJ space 8 x 8 ft (with a couple of random seats and table)

Fire exit through main event space, through single fire doors with a lit up sign. Exit is down metal fire escape, 1 step to walk over at exit, 7 + 12 steps, through narrow courtyard (also bin area)

The bar is fairly high: 14ft long, 3.7 feet high

There is a bar price list pinned high up on bar which is small print), if the height of the bar isn't a barrier you can clearly see what's available fridges/shelves

There is visual indication of prices via the use of handhelds for booth card and cash transactions.

There is food available: crisps and nuts from behind the bar. It is also possible to order [yard sale pizza](#) to be delivered.



Image description: the back of the bar can be seen with drinks fridges in the lower half of the frame, and assorted spirits and glasses on bar shelves.



Image description: bar in the corner of the main performance space. Various bits of furniture and beer keg are pushed against the wall on the left of the image, with two small tables and chairs in the foreground of the image



Image description: bar counter top with small print price list pinned on wooden pillar in the foreground, and drinks fridges/bar shelves in the background



Image description: DJ area on stage, with decks in the corner, small circular table and chairs on the main floor area (3 steps down from stage). Rear of stage is decorated with gold streamers and there is part of a light-up heart stage backdrop in the frame.



Image description: entrance doorway into performance space, with edge of the bar on the left, with right of the photo showing clear standing/dancing space



Image description: Back left corner of performance space, with old Halloween decorations in the corner, and the photo shows clear standing/dancing area.



Image description: front left corner of performance space, with old Halloween decorations in the far corner, and tables and chairs pushed against wall on left, and also arranged for guests to sit.



Image description: bottom right corner of performance space – seats and tables are pushed against the wall to make space for audience to dance/stand. Gold stage backdrop can be seen in left corner of frame.



Image description: Right-hand side of performance space, showing chairs and tables for guests to sit, while there is also lots of space to stand/dance.



Image description: Raised stage (with three steps up from floor) in corner of performance space, with light-up heart backdrop and gold streamer decorations at back of stage and behind DJ decks in corner of the stage.



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Image description: performance space with lots of space for dancing/standing, three small tables and chairs arranged for guests to sit with extra furniture pushed against walls: stage and fire exit at the rear of the image



Image description: Fire exit doorway from performance space, with step over onto metal fire escape stairs



Image description: Metal fire escape steps into bin area and then onto street

Gender-neutral toilets

We will only have access to two toilets on the same level as the performance space. These will both be signposted as gender-neutral. Entrance to both 2.5 ft wide. Very brightly lit. No alarm cords in either toilet, and fire alarms do not have visual flashing component.

Toilet 1:

3 cubicles. Cubicle doors 2ft wide, cubicles 3.3ft wide by 5ft deep. 2 sinks 2.9 ft high, soap 4.3 ft high, handdryer 4.5 ft high. Sani bin in each cubicle. No handrails by toilets.



Image description: 3 cubicle doorways in Toilet 1



Image description: entrance route into Toilet 1



Image description: doorway of Toilet 1



Image description: 2 sinks and heart-shaped mirrors, with hand-dryer on wall on right in Toilet 1



Image description: 2 sinks, 2 heart-shaped mirrors and handsoap dispenser (all on wall), with wooden table on the right of the frame

Toilet 2:

Urinal + 1 cubicle. Cubicle entry 2ft wide, cubicle 3 x 5ft. Two handrails next to toilet on right-hand side. Urinal 2.3 ft high. 2 sinks, both 2.9 ft high, handsoap

dispenser 4.2 ft high, hand dryer 4.3 ft high.



Image description: the only cubicle in Toilet 2, showing wall-mounted handrail on right side of toilet.



Image description: entrance route into Toilet 2



Image description: doorway entrance to Toilet 2, at the bottom of steps up to private performer dressing area



Image description: 2 sinks, with heart-shaped mirror and handsoap dispenser, all on wall with wall-mounted hand dryer on left of frame



Image description: Toilet 2 - metal urinal on wall of left of frame, with doorway to 1 cubicle on right of frame, showing that there are two-wall mounted handrails (one vertical and 1 horizontal) to right of toilet

Smoking area

accessed from entrance foyer (15 steps down with handrail to lower level gendered toilets and other event space [not for us], through double doors and immediate three steps down, through another set of double doors [external fire

doors] and immediately in very small courtyard with 7 cement stairs up, then space to sit [on three more stairs] or walk through narrow space [2 ft] to stand)



Image description: 10 brick steps of smoking area leading up to wooden gate

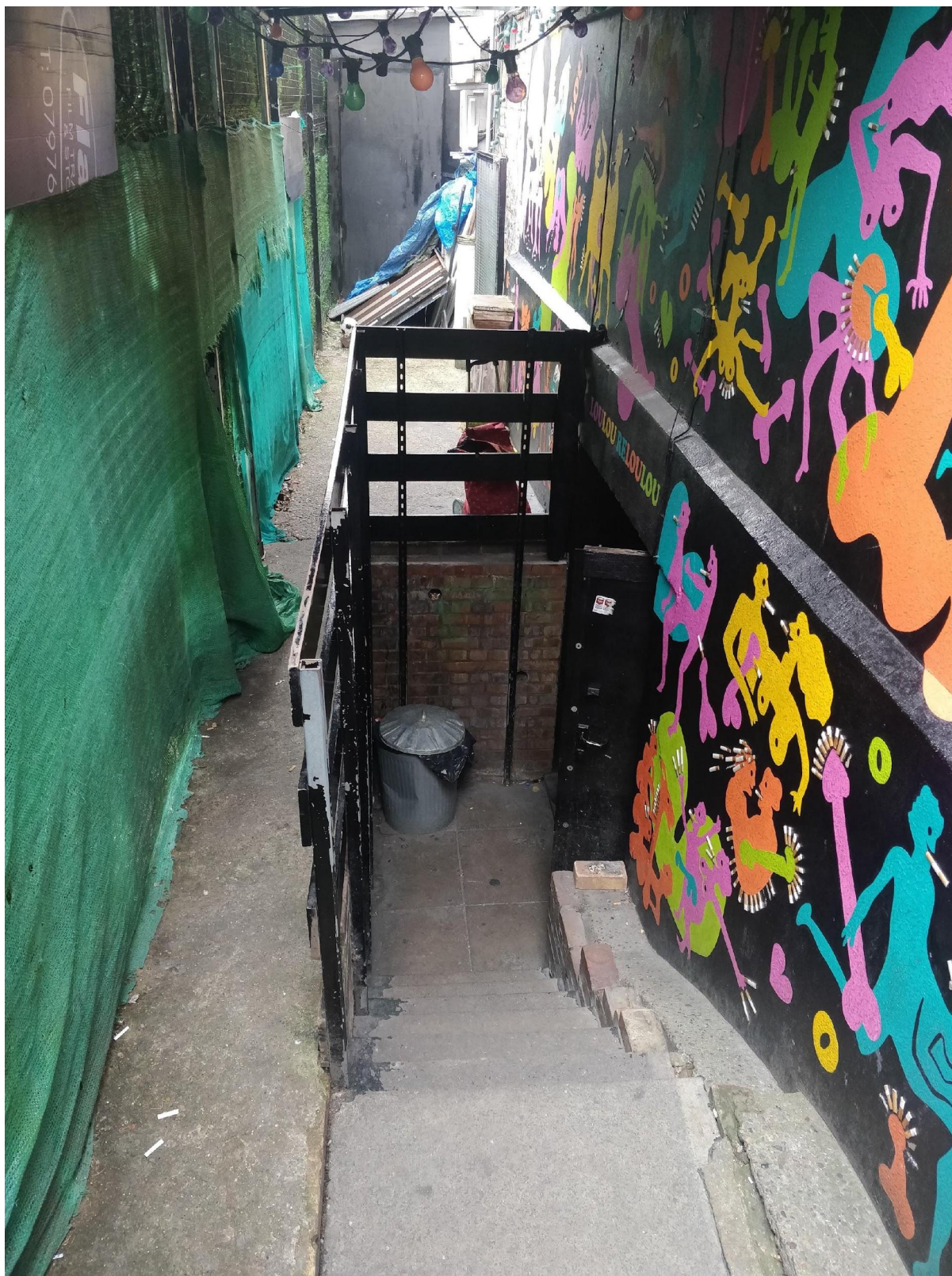


Image description: looking down brick steps of smoking area, towards doorway opening from club



Image description: 14 steps from main entrance foyer down to lower level, with handrail on each wall of stairway



Image description: 3 steps from lower level down to access smoking area (through double fire doors)



Image description: Steps up to lower level from smoking area exit

Dressing room for performers

12 steps up from event space level, with handrail. 16ft x 20ft, mirrored makeup tables, generally large space but pretty cluttered



Image description: Performers dressing area, with various assortment of furniture and general clutter



Image description: Performers dressing area, showing table with large mirror and three chairs



Image description: entry into performers dressing area, showing light-up mirror set up on long table with six seats set up facing mirror



Image description: large light-up mirror on table with four chairs facing mirror in performers dressing area



Image description: Performers dressing area and private toilet



Image description: 14 steps down from performers dressing area to performance space level (where toilets are as well)