



Accessibility Policy

The Bournemouth Writing Festival inspires all writers to write – regardless of ability, background or where you are on your writing journey. We know everyone has a story to tell and we want to provide the inspiration, tools and confidence to allow all voices to be heard.

At the Bournemouth Writing Festival, we are committed to ensuring that our events are accessible to all individuals, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. We believe in creating an inclusive environment where everyone can participate fully and enjoy the festival experience. To fulfil this commitment, we have developed the following accessibility policy:

1. Venue Accessibility:

We strive to choose venues that are wheelchair accessible and equipped with facilities such as ramps and elevators with nearby accessible parking spaces close to the venue entrance.

2. Communication:

We will provide information about the accessibility features of each event, including details about wheelchair access, seating arrangements, and any assistive technologies available.

Information about accessibility will be prominently displayed on our website, promotional materials, and event listings.

3. Assistance

Our volunteers and venue staff members will be on-hand to assist individuals with disabilities and provide any necessary support during the festival.

Attendees can request assistance in advance by contacting info@bournemouthwritingfestival.co.uk , and we will do our best to accommodate their needs.

4. Accommodations:

We are committed to making reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities can participate in our events. This may include providing sign language interpreters, captioning services, or other accommodations as requested, subject to availability.

Attendees are encouraged to inform us of any specific accommodations they require when purchasing tickets or registering for events either through the specific venue or at info@bournemouthwritingfestival.co.uk

Feedback:

We welcome feedback from attendees regarding the accessibility of our events. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact us at info@bournemouthwritingfestival.co.uk so that we can continue to improve our accessibility efforts.

Feedback can also be submitted through our website or in person during the festival.

6. Continuous Improvement:

We are committed to continuously improving the accessibility of the Bournemouth Writing Festival. We will regularly review our accessibility policy and practices to identify areas for improvement and implement necessary changes.

7. Collaboration:

Where necessary, we will work closely with accessibility organisations, disability advocates, and community groups to ensure that our events are inclusive and accessible to individuals with diverse needs.

Collaboration with local authorities and accessibility experts can be sought to enhance accessibility features at our venues.

By implementing and adhering to this accessibility policy, we aim to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can engage to be inspired to write to the fullest extent possible. We appreciate the support and cooperation of all attendees in helping us achieve this goal.

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