

# ACCESSIBILITY POLICY (Text only)

## **Accessibility**

Inclusion is at the heart of Festival of the Sea Grimsby. We work with all our artists and teams to make each part of your festival experience accessible. We are committed to ensuring that *Festival of the Sea* is an inclusive, safe and accessible space for everyone, by reducing or removing barriers to attendance.

Our team member responsible for Accessibility in 2026 is Sam Dunstan.

If there is anything else that we can do to improve your experience or if you have any questions, please email Sam on [hello@festivaloftheseagrimsby.co.uk](mailto:hello@festivaloftheseagrimsby.co.uk).

If you have any questions or need assistance during the festival, please visit the Festival Information Point or speak to a friendly team member, who will be more than happy to help.

## **Guide and Assistance Dogs**

Guide and Assistant Dogs are welcome in all festival areas and fresh water is available at our Information Point. Please keep in mind that there could be dense crowds, high levels of noise and strobes, if your dog is sensitive to any of these.

## **Ground Conditions**

Festival of the Sea is an outdoor event, occasionally on grassed areas, but primarily in urban areas such as Riverhead Square and the Waterfront. As such, these areas may be wet. We endeavor to make the festival accessible, but conditions can be affected by the weather.

## **Choice of Seating**

Alternative Seating is available at each performance spot on request (please ask Sam or a Festival Assistant prior to the show(s) you wish to watch).

## **Programmes in alternatives formats**

Large Print programmes are available on request from the Information Point.

## **Content Warnings**

All of our festival content is family friendly. Where shows include sudden or loud noises, we have indicated on the programme and timetables.

## **Break out and Quiet Spaces**

We will be offering Festival visitors with ASD safe and calming spaces at Orsted care & Calm Hub at CARE hub, 86-88 Victoria Street, Grimsby, DN31 1BG.

## **Hearing Loops**

We have an induction hearing loop at the Seafood Cookery Tent. Look out for the induction loop symbol.

## **Accessible Toilets**

There will be accessible Mobiloo toilets by the Main Stage in Alexandra Dock, open throughout the event. Other accessible toilets nearby are available in Grimsby Train

Station (Platform 1, access with RADAR key) and Grimsby Minster (open 10am-4:00pm with assistance alarm).

## **Accessible Parking**

Blue Badge holders may park in any on-street pay & display bay or council-owned car park without payment of parking charges in accordance with the terms of use for their blue badges. The nearest Blue Badge parking available is at Cartergate Car Park.

## **Feedback**

We are keen to improve our accessibility measures year on year. If you want to give us specific feedback or let us know our existing provision is useful, please complete the survey linked below.

Link: <https://forms.gle/XrxHQse51suoBPVZ8>