Accessibility & Inclusion Document

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Salt and Tar is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for visitors, audiences, artists, performers, partners, volunteers, freelancers and staff.

As we redevelop our permanent home, accessibility remains a key consideration throughout the planning, design and future operation of the venue. We are committed to identifying, reducing and removing barriers that may prevent people from accessing our spaces, events, services, facilities, digital content and employment opportunities.

We recognise that inclusion is an ongoing journey and that creating accessible experiences requires commitment across the whole organisation. When we refer to access, we mean ensuring that Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent people, as well as those with long-term physical or mental health conditions, can engage fully with our events, activities and facilities.

We are committed to meeting our responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 by taking reasonable steps to ensure our policies, practices and procedures do not discriminate against disabled people, and by providing appropriate facilities, support and information wherever possible.

Our approach is informed by the Social Model of Disability, which recognises that people are disabled by barriers in society rather than by their impairment or health condition alone.

These barriers can include:

- Environmental barriers such as inaccessible buildings, poor signage or a lack of alternative formats.
- Attitudinal barriers including assumptions, stereotypes or prejudice.
- Organisational barriers such as inflexible policies, procedures or ways of working.

Music Weekender 2027 Accessibility

While our venue redevelopment is underway, accessibility remains a priority across all Salt and Tar events, including the Music Weekender 2027.

Accessibility measures at the Music Weekender 2027 will include:

- Accessible and companion tickets.
- Dedicated Accessible Viewing Platform (AVP).
- Accessible toilet facilities.
- Priority entry lanes.
- An on-site Accessibility Manager.
- Lowered bar service points.
- Waiter service for audience members who require additional support.

- Advance communication with customers regarding access requirements.
- An accessibility guide containing site maps, facilities information, distances and key visitor information before the event.
- Free ear defenders available for children and adults.
- Assistance dogs are welcome on site.
- BSL interpreter can be arranged on request

Emergency Evacuation

Emergency evacuation arrangements take account of Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent visitors, performers, staff, volunteers and contractors. Measures may include:

- Accessible priority emergency exits where available.
- Designated refuge areas where appropriate.
- Clear evacuation arrangements for accessible viewing platforms, welfare areas and other locations where disabled visitors may reasonably be expected to gather.
- Trained staff available to provide support and assistance during an evacuation.
- Emergency information communicated in accessible formats wherever possible.

Training & Staff Awareness

To help ensure an inclusive and welcoming experience for all visitors:

- Staff receive disability equality and accessibility training on a regular basis.
- Accessibility awareness is included as part of staff inductions.
- All new members of the team receive an accessibility briefing as part of their induction.
- Event-specific accessibility briefings are delivered to staff, contractors and volunteers ahead of each event.
- Accessibility information is included in staff briefings and shift handovers where relevant, including details of any specific access arrangements and available support services.
- A designated Accessibility Manager or accessibility lead is identified for each event, providing a clear point of contact for visitors and staff.

Future Information:

As plans for the Music Weekender 2027 progress and the event location is confirmed, a detailed Accessibility Guide will be published. This will include information on site access, travel and parking arrangements, accessible facilities, viewing areas, welfare provision, emergency procedures and any additional support available to visitors.

We are committed to listening, learning and working with our communities to improve accessibility and inclusion at every opportunity. Our goal is to create a destination where everyone feels welcome, valued and able to participate fully.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions regarding accessibility or the facilities available before your visit, please do not hesitate to get in touch and a member of the team will be happy to assist.

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We aim to respond to all accessibility enquiries within five working days.

Please note that tickets cannot be booked directly through the venue. Booking links will be provided via our website when events go on sale.