



The GAP Venue Accessibility Guide

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Welcome

The GAP is a youth arts organisation and cultural centre based in Balsall Heath, Birmingham. Our work seeks to open up gaps for children and young people to make sense of the world through creative and cultural action.

We do this through delivering a range of multi-artform participatory projects that are rooted in our values of Exploration, Imagination, Justice, and Belonging, whilst also supporting young people on their journey to becoming professional artists.

Our venue – where we program a diverse range of exhibitions and events – acts as a hub inviting local people of all ages and backgrounds to come together for artistic encounters, community-building, learning, dialogue, and cultural exchange.

We are a unit based in The Old Print Works.

This document describes our current venue accessibility. Making our venue as accessible for as many people as possible is important to us and we aim to continuously improve. Please get in touch if you have any questions or feedback.

We are based in an old building that is not owned by us. Whilst we work with our landlords to make the space more accessible there are delays we cannot speed up. We acknowledge that this is a serious issue and we are working on providing our staff and audiences with more accessible facilities.

At a glance

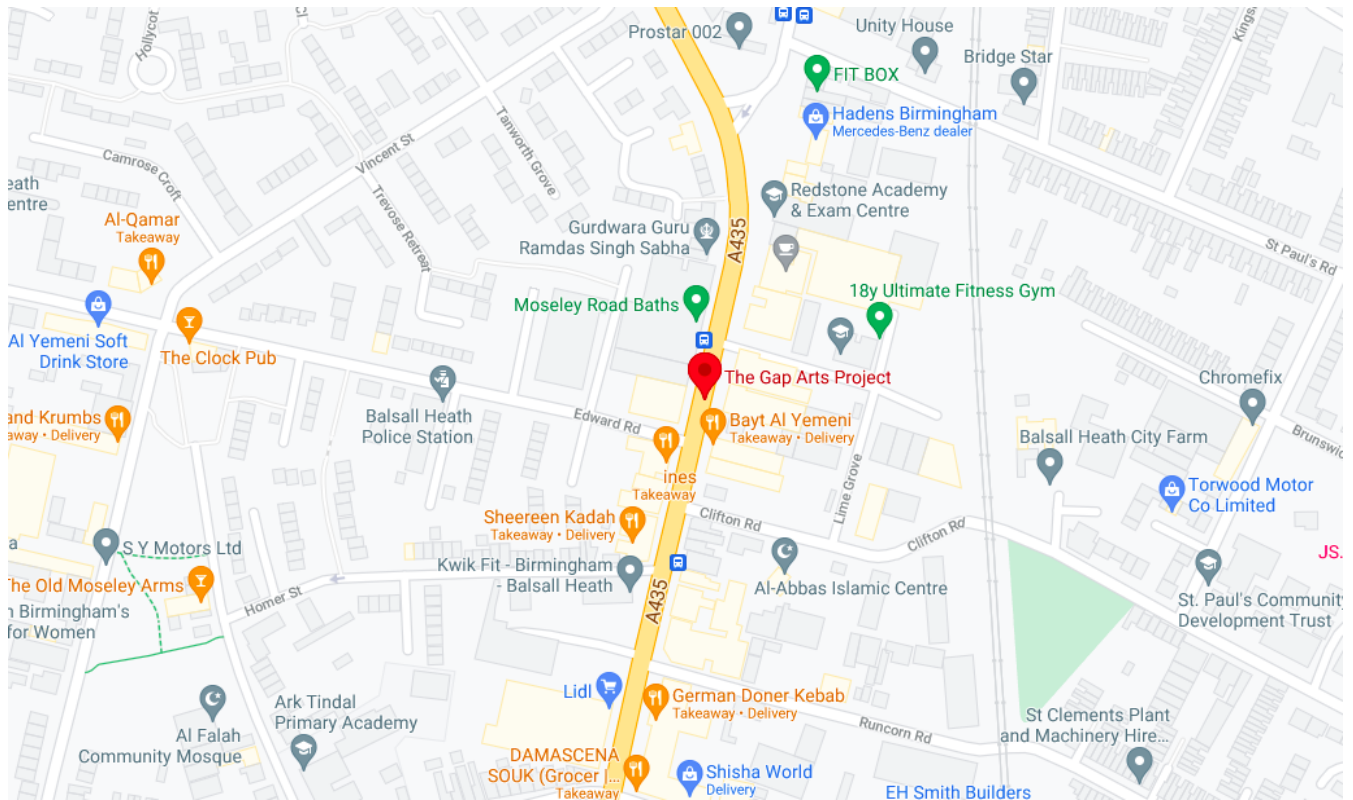
Address:
498-500 Moseley Road
Balsall Heath
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Level Access

Our main space has two entrances each with one 20cm step. The entrance to the right has a ramp making it accessible to wheelchair users.

Unfortunately our toilets do not currently have step free access. There are step- free toilets available in another part of The Old Printworks. See Disabled toilet section for more information.

Getting here by public transport



The GAP can be easily accessed via the number 50 or 150 bus, from Birmingham city centre, Moseley, Kings Heath, Maypole and Druids Heath.

The photos below show the bus stop if you are travelling from the city center to Balsall Heath. The bus stop is approximately 300ft from The GAP, and takes approximately 1 minute to walk to the venue.



The photo below shows the bus stop if you are travelling from further south into Balsall Heath (e.g. Maypole, Druids Heath, Kings Heath, Moseley) . The bus stop is around 100ft away from the venue.



The GAP is situated inside The Old Printworks on the ground floor and basement of the front building.



You can get a taxi with Moseley Radio Cars by calling 0121 449 2222. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Car Parking

- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance of Ort Gallery (to the left of the GAP). The drop-off point has no dropped kerb.

- There is parking on Moseley Road (1 hour parking between 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Monday-Friday). There is also street parking on the roads near the GAP on Clifton and Edward Road. Please do not leave valuables in your car.

Bicycle Parking

- There is bicycle parking behind The GAP that can be accessed through the gates at the right side of the venue.
- There is also bicycle parking on the other side of the Moseley road, at the front of the Moseley Baths.

Arrival

Main space

Our main space has an entrance to the left of the venue. The first doors are double width and are 158cm wide (1), the second door is a standard width and is 77cm wide (2).



(1)



(2)

If step free access is needed we have another entrance to the right of the venue (currently being used as an exit to create a Covid safe one way system) which has a ramp. The outer door (3) to this entrance is 150cm wide. The inner sliding door (4) is 77cm wide.



(3)



(4)

Basement venue

Our basement venue is only accessible by a flight of stairs.
There are 12 steps.

Disabled toilets

- We currently don't have a disabled access toilets in our venue.
- There is a disabled access toilet at the back of The Old Printworks. Use of this must be done with a member of staff as we will pass through other studio partner units.

Inside The Gap

Seating

- We have a low seating area with wide cushioned seats and low tables.
- We have a carpeted area with cushions.
- We have a tall bar style seating section.
- We have tables of varying sizes.
- We have one high chair
- None of our chair have armrests



Neurodivergent visitors

- We strive to be an accessible venue where everyone feels welcome. We do not have a dress code or behaviour code we expect our visitors to follow. We are understanding of different ways of behaviour and, whilst needing to also make sure that all our visitors are comfortable and safe.

LGBTQIA+ visitors

- We are an inclusive venue and actively support LGBTQIA+ people. We have a zero tolerance policy in regards to discrimination and would not hesitate to ask someone to leave immediately if they use discriminatory language or behaviour.
- We are actively working towards becoming a space that respects and empathises with all people encouraging our visitors, staff and volunteers to bring their whole selves in.
- Our toilets are gender neutral.

Child friendly

We are a child friendly space. There is a simple baby changing table in the downstairs toilets and we have one high chair and one baby seat. This is a breastfeeding friendly space.



Thank you to Ort Gallery for allowing us to use their accessibility template