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Access Bloc

"What is the Access Bloc?"

The Access Bloc leads the whole London Trans+ Pride protest, and sets the pace for the rest of the procession. This bloc is there for anyone who needs it, or if you simply want to experience LT+P amongst other Disabled trans+ people.

The Access Bloc is organised to provide more physical space for those who need it, with a team of dedicated, Disability Access trained stewards on hand, as well as first aid responders, our BSL terp team, and AD Visual Guide.

"Can I march in the Access Bloc? What about the people I am with?"

Carers, companions, family members, partners, guides, assistance and service animals are all welcome!

"I have an invisible disability, will I need identification?"

We know that not all disabilities are visible, and will never ask you to "prove" anything in order to be part of this bloc. Nor is there an obligation for all Disabled attendees to be in the Access Bloc.

"What about wearing masks?"

Masking is mandatory in the Access Bloc (with health/Disability exceptions). There will be a limited amount of FFP2 masks available on the day, which can be obtained from our dedicated team of Disability Access trained stewards, but we recommend you bring your own (especially as ours might not go with your outfit!)

"Can I carry banners in the Access Bloc?"

No, do not bring large signs or banners into the Access Bloc, as they can restrict the view and compromise the safety of Disabled attendees.

Access Hub Signal & Newsletter

Click Here to Join the Access Hub Signal Group

Access Hub Signal Chat

The LT+P Access Hub is a moderated Signal group specifically for access queries and more immediate accessibility updates.

It's also a great place to connect with other members of the Trans+ Disabled community, create potential pre-march meet ups, and chat with people who have attended before, so you can get more first hand experiences of how to make your march experience as joyful as possible!

Admins must accept requests to join this group. Please note, this group is monitored by Disabled team members working voluntarily to the best of their fluctuating capacity.

Access Newsletter

If messenger groups aren't for you, we also send out an LT+P Access Newsletter with all the up to date Access and March information. This is another option for anyone who finds group chats overwhelming, and would prefer receiving this info over email.

To sign up to the Access Newsletter, or if you would like information in another format, please get in touch with us directly at access@londontranspride.org

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Accessible Viewing Area

Image Description: A graphic of the layout of Trafalgar Square. A Yellow Circle in the South West corner marks out where the Access Viewing Area is for the Speeches at this year's London Trans+ Pride

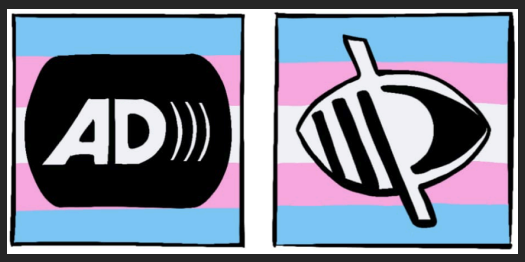
At the end of the march, you will find a designated accessible viewing area kept clear for Disabled attendees (including PAs, carers and support) for speeches in Trafalgar Square.

This area will be in the South West Corner of Trafalgar Square.

This area is largely flat, and will be located directly in front of the staging platform to provide an unobstructed view of speakers.

Please Note: We encourage anyone intending to make use of the accessible viewing area to ensure they have adequate hearing protection, (i.e. earplugs, Loops, ear defenders), as it is close to the stage!

AD Visual Guides



Artwork created by Nu of @Nug00seillustrations

Left image: A square trans flag superimposed with a black and white Audio Description symbol.

Right image: A square trans flag with the widely used symbol for folks who are Blind/Visually Impaired.

As you may be aware, LT+P is often a visual feast of costumes, banners and signs. There will be a visual guide in person, who will audio describe what surrounds us at the protest for the march element for Blind and Visually Impaired, Low/No vision attendees.

If you can't meet or find the Access Block gathering point, please talk to one of the Access Bloc stewards on the march, who will be able to guide you in the right direction to find this resource. All our speakers have also been briefed to give audio descriptions of themselves before their speeches.

BSL Interpreters

Artwork created by Nu of @Nug00seillustrations. Left image: A graphic of the commonly used BSL Interpreter symbol – two hands making the sign for "interpreter" – filled in with the colours of the trans flag. Right image: A white high vis Vest with silver reflective panels displayed the BSL Interpreter trans flag symbol

There will be five BSL Interpreters available at the Access Bloc meeting point & the end of the march.

They interpret during the whole march from the Access Bloc, and also will be interpreting the stationary speeches at the end of the march.

They will be wearing white high vis jackets with the above trans BSL symbol.

Flags and Signage

Another way you can find the Access Bloc and Access Viewing Area is through the use of the following flags and signs.

Disability Pride Flag

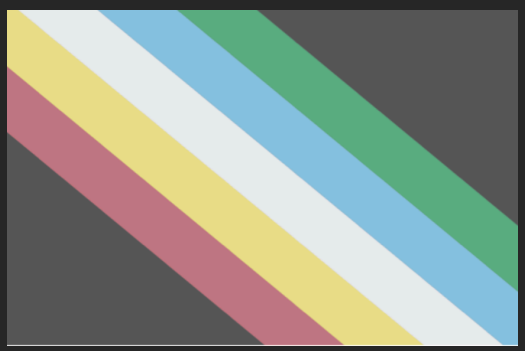


Image Description: This image shows the newer Ann Magill's Disability Pride flag. It features a band of the same five colours as the original flag – red, yellow, white, sky blue, and green – arcing across the black background from top-left to bottom-right. Unlike the original Disability Pride flag, the newer flag's colours are much mellower and more desaturated, and instead of a zig-zag, the band of colours is a smooth diagonal line.

ISA Wheelchair Symbol - Not All Disabilities Are Visible Flag

Image Description: A flag design featuring the easily recognisable white and royal blue ISA (International Symbol of Access) or "wheelchair symbol". The symbol is a minimalist, side view graphic of a human figure seated in a crescent shape suggestive of a wheelchair. Around the symbol, two concentric blue circles form a thick round border in which "Not All Disabilities Are Visible" is written in blue block capital letters.

Heat Awareness

Temperatures in the UK are currently reaching record highs, especially in Central London, where our protest is taking place. We will be monitoring the weather closely in the run up to the march, and implore all attendees to take necessary precautions and decisions in the best interests of their wellbeing and safety - it is your agency and your body and you know best, not us!

Here are a few suggestions from us to have a think about:

- **Water**: Please make sure you have adequate water on your person, and check out London Trans+ Pride's interactive map for the nearest water points.
- **Sunscreen**: We recommend factor 30 or above, and to reapply every 2 hours. Make sure to check the expiry date!
- **Shade**: Finding areas outside or inside to take breaks out of the sunlight. There is a limited covered area at the end of the march, which has some overhanging foliage. Click here for the Mayor of London's Interactive Cool Spaces Map
- **Clothing and sunglasses**: Wear clothes and sunglasses that provide sun protection, such as:
    - a wide-brimmed hat that shades the face, neck and ears
    - a long-sleeved top
    - trousers or long skirts in close-weave fabrics that do not allow sunlight through
    - sunglasses with wraparound lenses or wide arms
    - UV reflective umbrellas/parasols

- **Personal Fans & Cool** Packs: There is a wide array of personal fans available in many major retailers and online, including hands free, misting fans and neck fans, as well as gel cooling mats and and a variety of ice packs. Take some time to think about what best suits your needs and consider bringing these with you.
- **Medication**: Some medications, especially a variety of SSRI antidepressants, react adversely in hotter temperatures. Check your supplies and see if there is any information online about how your medication might be affected.

Induction Loop (T Coil)

Image Description: A square trans flag with the widely recognised symbol for T coil induction loop superimposed in black

During the speeches the accessible viewing area will be fitted with a T coil hearing loop. This can be accessed by switching compatible hearing devices to the "T" Telecoil setting.

External Support Link: Deaf Rainbow

Livestream for Virtual Marchers

There will be a livestream available on the day to provide a "virtual march" for those who may not be able to attend in person.

This is hosted through Youtube, and the link will be sent out through the Access Newsletter, Access Hub Signal Chat, and also will be posted on our Instagram Stories on the day.

(Please note, the live stream can be subject to potential lags and sound cuts - we will do our best to mitigate and manage this!)

Mandatory Masking (with Exemptions) & Airborne Illnesses

Artwork created by Nu of @NuG00seillustrations. Image Description: A graphic of a PPE face mask filled with the trans flag

Wearing a mask in the Access Bloc (at the front of the march) is required, unless you cannot for health or sensory reasons. A limited number of masks will be available and can be obtained from Access Bloc march stewards.

Covid is still very much present, along with other viruses sweeping through our community.

If you are presenting any cold or flu-like symptoms, please do not attend the march and please test for Covid before attending the protest, if you are symptomatic or not.

If you are organising a pre-march meet up, a suggestion is to provide tests as part of this within your circles.

March Essentials Check List

A list of suggestions of what to check before leaving the house!

- PPE Face Masks (N94/5/9, FFP2/3 - better than surgical masks!)
- Portable Stool/Chair
- Chargers/Power Banks/Batteries
- Water Bottle/Fluids/Electrolytes

- Ear Defenders/Ear Plugs/Noise Cancelling Headphones
- Pain Management/Medication (You may want to bring evidence of your prescription)
- Joint Supports/Support Gloves/Mobility Aids
- Hand Sanitiser/Loo Roll/Wipes
- Snacks/Packed Lunch
- Radar Key
- Sunscreen (Factor 30spf and above suggested!)
- UV Protective Layers (Sunglasses, Hats, Covering Layers, Umbrellas)
- Cooling Devices (Personal Fans (Neck, Handheld), Cool Packs)
- Stim Toys/Comfort Items
- Sunflower Lanyard/Medical Alert Jewellery/Medical ID Card
- Communication Cards
- Written Emergency Contact Information

Click here for more useful information from Liberty Human Rights. Remember: Always let someone know when you are expected to return home!

Masking and Protesting Laws

You are still allowed to use face coverings at protests for health, religious and work purposes.

EXCEPTION: The police can only require you to remove a face covering if:

- you are being stopped and searched ; or
- there is a blanket 'Section 60AA order ' in place, which gives them this power if "there is reason to believe that the item is being worn wholly or mainly for the purpose of disguising identity"; or
- The police have designated an area a 'mask-free zone ' under Section 157 of the new Crime and Policing Act 2026 – it becomes a criminal offence to use a face covering to conceal your identity.

If you are being asked to remove your face covering, always ask:

> *"Under what legal power?"*

The police are legally required to give you this information.

NOTE: This information was correct as of 3rd July 2026

Route

Click here for the Interactive Map

Please make your way to the Access Bloc by 1:30 pm latest. This will be situated at the front of the march.

- The march begins at 2pm.
- The march will travel southbound via Regent St.
- There will be a scheduled stop by Swallow Street at approximately 2:40pm for 10 minutes.
- The march will continue eastbound via Coventry St, turning southbound onto Haymarket.
- The march will then travel southbound via Haymarket before turning eastbound onto Pall Mall East with the Access Bloc continuing down Cockspur Street until we reach our final destination at Trafalgar Square.

Safe Havens and Quiet Spaces

London Trans+ Pride has been in contact with various places along our protest route and at our end point in Trafalgar Square. Information of these are available on our interactive map

Click here for the Interactive Map

Cavendish Square Gardens

This is a public park garden run by Westminster Council, and provides a quieter area near the march start point. There is level access into the garden, as well as an underground pay car park (Ran by Q Park). The garden is made up of concrete pathways, flower beds, and grassy areas. There are overhanging tree canopies providing shaded areas and bench seating.

Golden Square

This is a public park garden run by Westminster Council, and provides a quieter area in the middle of the march route (roughly 4 minutes away from Regents Street). There is level access from the South side into the garden. The garden is made up of concrete pathways, flower beds and grassy areas. There are overhanging tree canopies providing shaded areas and bench seating.

Cafe in the Crypt

This is a self service cafe run by St Martin's in the Field, who have communicated their support with London Trans+ Pride. The cafe is accessed by a lift next to the church. There are four accessible toilets and additional gender neutral toilets behind their shop. They have also expressed that there are a few plug in points in the foyer that folks are welcome to use. They have a dedicated Accessibility page on their website, including photos and maps. Click here for Cafe in the Crypt's Accessibility Page

Institute of Contemporary Arts on St James' Park

This is a privately owned art gallery indoor space who have communicated their support with London Trans+ Pride. There is level access via drop kerb up to the entrance of the gallery. It is located on The Mall, roughly 5 minutes from Trafalgar Square. In the foyer there are two sets of all gender toilets. There are four cubicles in each of these. The toilets to the left of the cafe contain an Accessible toilet. Across The Mall opposite to the ICA is outdoor space with tree canopy in St James's Park. They have a dedicated Accessibility page on their website, including in depth Access video content. Click Here for ICA's Accessibility Page

Westminster Safe Havens

Alongside this, Westminster Council has a number of businesses and venues that have signed up to their Safe Havens programme.

Please note, the wording on this external page mentions this specifically being a resource for women, but the scheme itself is for any vulnerable persons that might need a temporary place to take a short break, recover and safely make their way home.

Whilst Safe Havens do not provide specialist interventions, staff can contact emergency services or signpost to specialist services where more help is needed.

Click Here for information on Westminster's Safe Havens Scheme

The National Portrait Gallery have signed up to this scheme, and have also expressed their support personally to London Trans+ Pride to advise attendees that their facilities may be used. This includes a Changing Places Accessible bathroom.

Click Here for The National Portrait Gallery's Accessibility Information

Steward Vest - Colour Key

We have hundreds of lovely stewards who will be making sure the march gets from A to B. There are different types of stewards who will be wearing different coloured high vis vests.

Light Blue Vest: Access Stewards

Image Descriptions: Left - A light blue vest. Centre: A graphic of a light blue splodge. Right: A word art image that says 'Make Room for Trans+ Disabled Joy', around clip art of a wheelchair icon coloured in the trans flag colours, people walking with mobility aids and a trans coloured BSL symbol.

This final image will be on stickers, which may be stuck on the back of the Access Stewards vest, or otherwise visible in the Access Bloc.

Red Vest: Head Steward/Bloc Leaders

Image Descriptions: Left - a red high vis vest. Right - a graphic of a red splodge.

Purple Vest: General Stewards

Image Descriptions: Left - a purple high vis vest. Right - a graphic of a purple splodge.

Orange Vest: Safeguarding Stewards

Image Descriptions: Left - an orange high vis vest. Right - a graphic of an orange splodge.

Green Vest: First Aid/Medical Stewards

Image Descriptions: Left - a green high vis vest. Right - a graphic of a green splodge.

Pink Vest: Welfare Team Stewards (Safe Only)

Image Descriptions: Left - a pink high vis vest. Right - a graphic of a pink splodge.

Accessible toilets / Changing Places toilets

Click here for Interactive Toilet Map

This year we have made an interactive map for London Trans+ Pride, this documents the entire march routes, accessible toilets and water refilling points.There are a number of Accessible toilets, including Changing Places toilets nearby.

Nearest accessible toilets to Langham Place (March start point)

John Lewis & Partners

- Free
- No Radar Key Needed
- Accessible
- Gendered
- Children
- Baby Changing

Nearest accessible toilets to Trafalgar Square (March end point)

Trafalgar Square Public Toilets

- Free with Radar Key

- Unisex Accessible Toilet Free with Radar Key
- Gendered Stalls
- Baby Changing

National Gallery - Changing Places Bathroom

- Location in venue - Sainsbury Wing , Ground Floor
- Free with Radar Key
- Accessible Shower
- Colostomy Shelf
- Bench - Height Adjustable, Adult Sized, Wall Mounted
- Hoist - Ceiling , Loop
- Washbasin Height Adjustable
- Slip Resistant Floor
- Floor Space (sq. m) - 12.0
- Emergency Alarm : By Toilet/At Door
- Privacy Screen
- Accessible Shower
- Colostomy Shelf
- Unisex
- Drop down grab rails
- Wall grab rails
- Door Width (m) - 1.00
- Ceiling height (m) - 2.40

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