MethodsCon: Futures Venue access information





Getting to The Edwardian Manchester

The venue is located at Peter Street, Manchester, M2 5GP. The nearest car park is NCP Great Northern 1 & 2 on Watson St, Manchester M3 4EJ with 50 disabled bays.

Entrance

Main entrance on South Mill Street has power-assisted double doors and around the corner there is step access from Peter Street. The reception area has wooden and carpeted floors. There is a digital wayfinding screen and wall-mounted signage provided. There is a large, live, cut-flower display in the centre of the reception area. This area also has music playing.

Lifts

There are three lifts - 110cm wide, 210cm deep. Embossed internal button numbers. Video adverts with sound plays in lifts. Stairs to all levels are available, some with see-through steps and hand grip rails.

Event rooms

Event rooms booked for MethodsCon are spread across the 1st, 2nd and 4th floors. All rooms have motion-sensor lights that can then be adjusted manually. Manual doors with door-closing arms, some with fob access and/or can be propped open. The venue will endeavour to set up chairs with manoeuvre room. Most rooms have windows with privacy nets that let in daylight and manual blackout blinds.

1st floor

Private Room 2 and Private Room 4.

The toilet facilities for these rooms are on this floor - accessible toilet, two single-sex toilets. The accessible toilet has an 86cm wide manual outward-opening door (no radar key needed), right support handle and hygiene bin. There are no hooks/shelves, hoist or washing facilities - except a hand basin.

2nd floor

The Halle Suite is the main plenary room with manual double-door access, varying closure arm speeds. The suite is carpeted throughout. The Halle Suite has four large screens. There is a break area with a bar outside the suite for tea, coffee and lunches. This area has mixed wood/tile floors and wall and ceiling mirrors.

The toilet facilities for this room are on the 1st Floor.

4th floor

Private Room 15/16 (no daylight) and Private Room 19/20

The toilet facilities for this room are located on this floor - accessible toilet, two single-sex toilets. The accessible toilet has an 86cm wide manual outward-opening door (no radar key needed), right support handle and hygiene bin. There are no hooks/shelves, hoist or washing facilities except a hand basin.

Fire evacuation

Two refuge areas are situated behind manually opening doors. The 2nd floor refuge area is marked for one person. The 4th floor refuge area was much larger but unmarked. There are no evacuation chairs.

Other considerations

Lower ground floor has an accessible toilet with a baby changing table. This toilet has a manual outward-opening door and no radar key is needed. There is no hoist or washing facilities - except a hand basin.

Communal areas have pedestal and low seating with tables. Air conditioning is controlled by the hotel maintenance team. Windows can manually open in all rooms.

An induction loop hire is available with the PA system. The venue is accredited as a Breastfeeding Friendly, Autism Friendly and Dementia Friendly venue. There is a baby changing table in the accessible lower ground floor toilet. There are no free period products available at this venue.

This is a licensed premises with bars serving alcohol. A 'drinks reception' may be included in the event, with non-alcoholic drink options included. There are no ongoing Covid-19 measures. Guests are encouraged to speak to the venue staff for specific allergen information relating to the refreshments and lunches provided.

The nearest <u>Changing Place Toilet</u> is located at Manchester Central Library, and is open between 9am and 8pm.