

# BiTastic 2019 Access Report

BiTastic is committed to being accessible to as many people as possible. If there is anything we can do to make the day more accessible to you we very much want to hear about it and will always prioritise access.

## The Venue

BiTastic 2019 will be held at Norton Park Conference Centre on Albion Road (off Easter Road) in Edinburgh. It's a fully accessible building with accessible toilets and level or ramped access throughout.

## Getting to the Venue

The venue address is: Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Rd, Edinburgh EH7 5QY.

The venue is located approximately 1.4 miles from Edinburgh Waverley train station and 1.6 miles from Edinburgh bus station.

There is level or lift access to all platforms at the train station.

There is a taxi rank at the Fruitmarket entrance to the station and a taxi to the venue should cost about £7. If you need to use a taxi for access reasons please [contact us](#) as we will be able to refund the cost.

If you are getting a taxi you can be dropped off in the carpark to the rear of the building which will enable you to get nearer to the front door.

Local bus numbers 1 and 35 run along Easter Road close to the venue. A journey planner for bus travel is available at the [Lothian Bus website](#).

Unfortunately due to a local football match there will be **NO PARKING** at the venue on the 28th, including disabled parking. If this will affect you please [contact us](#) and we will do our best to help.

## Smoking

There are seats where you can smoke a short distance from the front door. Participants are asked to use this space and not smoke directly outside the front door.

## Inside the Venue

Norton Park has level or ramped access throughout the area we will be using, with a button operated door to the outside. All internal and external doors are 85-100cm wide with space around them to allow wheelchairs to pass through and are easy to open.

The rooms allocated to us will be clearly signed and are on the ground-floor level. They are all placed close to each other and toilets (including accessible toilets) are also close-by. Gender neutral toilets are available and separate from the accessible toilets.

All rooms are well lit and the main space and refreshment area have large windows.

There is lecture style raked seating in the main hall, with plenty of space for wheelchairs and flexible seating in front of this. All other rooms have fully flexible seating and space will be left for wheelchairs.

We will have workshop rooms plus the Hall area with stalls and an area where refreshments and lunch will be served. There are seats around the venue where people can rest. One room is set aside as a dedicated quiet space.

## Priority Queuing

If you are not able to wait in a queue at registration, please come directly to the priority chairs and we will register you as soon as possible.

## Resources

Any handouts or printed information provided by workshops can be made available in large print and/or on coloured paper and/or made available digitally. If you require large print or coloured paper printouts please add this to your form when booking tickets or get in touch via email.

All signs and posters for the event will be in large print on the day.

We will be using a microphone and an induction loop in the main hall, but we will not have this available for all the smaller rooms.

BSL interpreters will **NOT** now be available at this event due to a lack of demand.

Please note when you are booking if you have any access, language or dietary requirements that you would like us to take note of and we will do our best to meet your needs.