

Accessibility Policy

Purpose	To ensure the Museum maximises the level and ease of access to all our public assets by our visitors, communities and staff, within the resources available.
Scope	Canterbury Museum Trust Board, staff, volunteers and contractors. We will use our best endeavours to encourage other organisations and groups who partner with the Museum to follow our lead.
Review Date	September 2029
Policy Statement	<p>As a public institution, Canterbury Museum is committed to creating and maintaining equitable access. We are open to everyone and will proactively consider the accessibility needs of our community, visitors and staff in all aspects of our operations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• buildings and facilities• exhibitions and programmes• collections and research• people and working environment.

The Museum is committed to the principle of universal design (the design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and needs).

We will consult with our visitors, staff, disabled communities and other stakeholders to ensure maximum accessibility within the resources available.

We will comply with all relevant legislation to ensure the accessibility needs of our community, visitors and staff are met. The Museum sees the legislation as the minimum accessible standard and will strive to go beyond the code to meet universal design principles wherever possible.

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