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AND EVERYONE IS INVITED.



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ACCESS GUIDE

We are working hard to remove barriers so that our facilities and events can be accessible to as many people as possible.

We hope this guide will make planning your visit to polinations as easy as possible.

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GETTING HERE

The PoliNations site is located on Victoria Square and Chamberlain Square (B1 1BD) in the centre of Birmingham. There's more information on travel on the [Transport for West Midlands website](#).

BUSES

The closest bus stops to Victoria Square are for buses 9, X10, 82, 82 and 89. Bus services are operated by [National Express West Midlands](#).

TAXIS

The following taxi services in Birmingham advertise accessible taxi services [Birmingham Taxis 0121 702 2000](#) and [Birmingham City Taxis 0121 728 3999](#).

TRAIN STATION

The nearest train station to Victoria Square are Birmingham New Street (0.2 miles) and Birmingham Snow Hill (0.4 miles).

TRAMS

The nearest tram stops to Victoria Square are:

- Colmore Row (Stop Sh11) is 222 meters away, 3 min walk.
- Colmore Row (Stop Sh1) is 246 meters away, 4 min walk.
- Baskerville House is 300 meters away, 4 min walk.
- Colmore Row (Stop Sh2) is 312 meters away, 5 min walk.

Please check in advance that trams are running before you travel.



PARKING

The closest Accessible/Blue Badge Car Park is Pinfold Street parking (6 Bays) and Waterloo Street parking (1 bay). More information and other options can be found on the [Birmingham City Council Website](#).

Please note that Birmingham is a 'Category D Clean Air Zone'. What this means is that owners of high-polluting vehicles will get charged for driving within certain parts of Birmingham-including around and near the location of PoliNations. To find out if your vehicle will be charged visit the [Brum Breathes website](#).

BIKES

Bike racks can be located on the corner of Edmund Street and Eden Place or in the Southwest corner of Victoria Square. Birmingham benefits from segregated cycle routes into the centre from Selly Oak and Perry Barr as well as an extensive canal network providing traffic free routes. Find out more about Birmingham's cycle routes on [Birmingham City Council website](#).

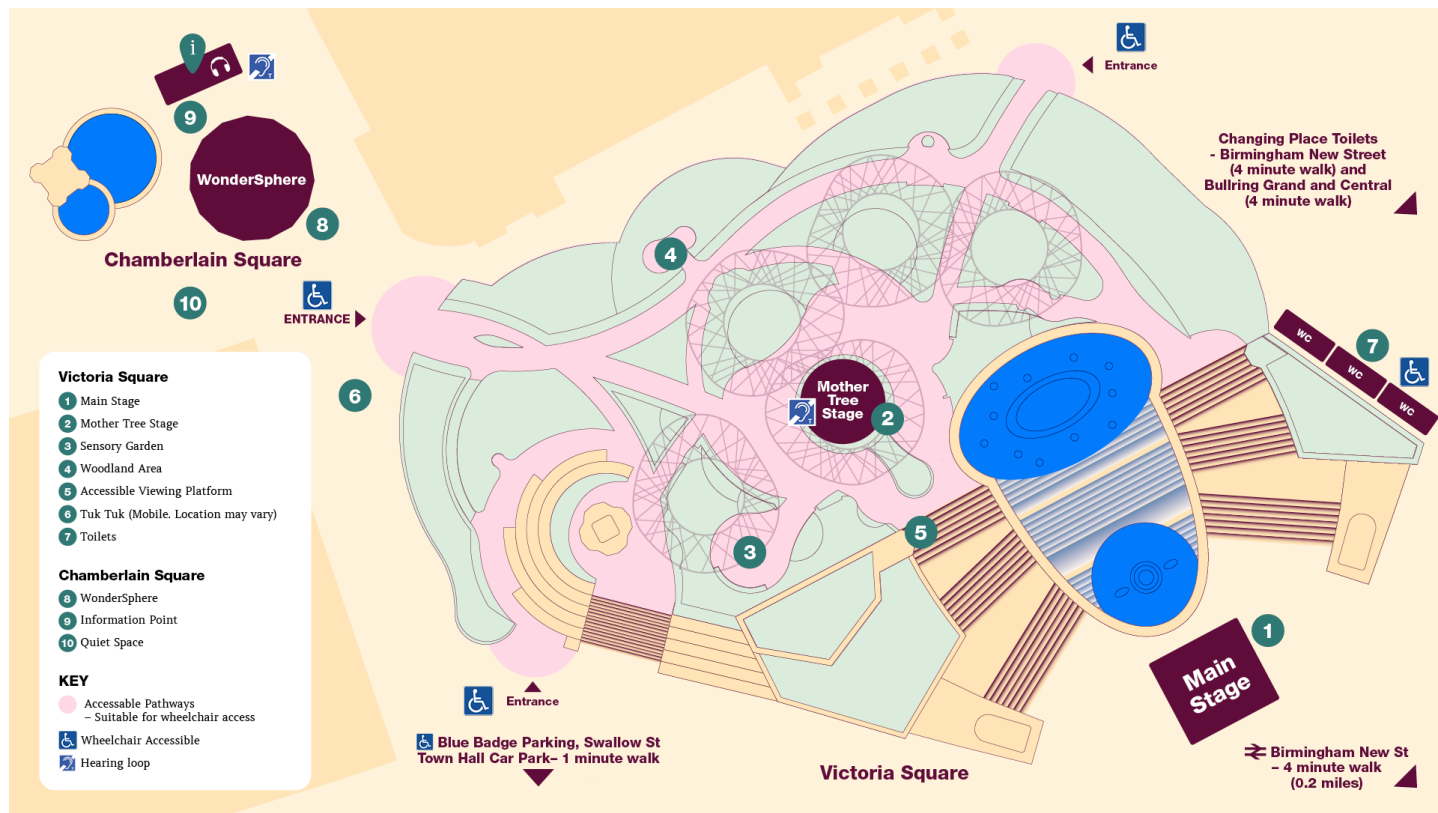
ARRIVING ON SITE

You can enter the PoliNations site from any direction, including Pinfold Street, Waterloo Street, Chamberlain Square and New Street.

If you would like to start your visit at the Information point, we recommend you enter the site at Chamberlain Square.

The PoliNations site is wheelchair accessible. The best entrances to the site for wheelchair users are from Waterloo Street and from Chamberlain Square.





MAPS

There are volunteers on site to help with any questions you may have. They are easily identifiable by their uniform and there to help and make your experience as enjoyable as possible!

A Braille and large print site map is available to borrow from the Information point on site.

INFORMATION POINT

The Information point, located in Chamberlain Square, is open daily between 8am-10pm. Staff are able to help you with any access questions you may have so please stop by to meet them.

At the Information point you can collect:

- Neck loops
- Headsets for the iconic plants tour
- Braille map
- Sensory bags (including fidget toys and ear defenders)



GENERAL INFORMATION



TOILETS

Toilets, including gender neutral and accessible toilets, can be found on the Waterloo Street side of Victoria Square.

The nearest changing place facility can be found at Birmingham New Street station (0.2 miles away) or in the Bullring Grand And Central (0.2 miles away). The [Changing Places website](#) has up-to-date information about the facilities including opening times.

VIEWING PLATFORM

An Accessible Viewing platform is available for our Main stage. Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. One companion space is available per user.

- Platform operates on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If the platform becomes full we operate a one-in one-out policy.
- PAs are welcome to use available seating, however please vacate if a disabled customer requires a seat or you are asked to do so by a steward.
- Smoking is not permitted. This includes e-cigarettes.
- Staff reserve the right to ask customers to leave the platform.
- Use of the platform implies acceptance of these conditions.

TERRAIN

The PoliNations site is located in the centre of Birmingham. Pavements surrounding the site may be uneven but all paths through the PoliNations site are either paved or have a cork covering.

SEATING

PoliNations is an outdoor festival. While the majority of our events are designed to be standing, there will always be some chairs available. Please ask one of our volunteers or stewards if you need further assistance.

Seats, with and without armrests, are located across the PoliNations site for your convenience.

QUIET SPACE

If you need a quiet moment while on site at PoliNations, a quiet space is available in Chamberlain Square.

MEDICAL AND WELFARE

First responders are available on site during opening hours. If you require assistance please ask a Volunteer.

HEARING/NECK LOOPS

The Information point and Mother Tree stages are fitted with Hearing Loops. Hearing aid users with a T setting can access the feed. Neck Loops and headphones are also available to borrow from the Information point for anyone who would benefit from a clearer sound feed.

Neck Loops and headphones are also available for our Iconic Plant Tour and for anyone taking part in a Garden Tour.



SENSORY BAGS

Sensory bags containing ear defenders and fidget toys are available to borrow from the Information point. We've also been working with Sensory Access to create a Social Narrative for the PoliNations site which you can view and download from the [Accessibility page](#) on our website.

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Assistance animals are welcome across our site. Water for assistance animals is located near our Information Point.



PROGRAMME

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

BSL Interpreting is taking place on site provided by Performance Interpreting for the following events. A viewing area is available near the stage. If you require access please ask a Volunteer or Steward who will be happy to show you where this is. For up to date timings please visit the listings page on the [PoliNations website](#).

Friday 2nd September

Lunchtime Talk

Saturday 3rd September

Lunchtime Talk

Sunday 4th September

Yoga

Lunchtime Talk

Monday 5th September

Lunchtime Talk

Tuesday 6th September

Lunchtime Talk

Garden Tour

Wednesday 7th September

Lunchtime Talk

Thursday 8th September

Lunchtime Talk

Friday 9th September

Lunchtime Talk

Contains Strong Language: Laurel Prize Readings

Contains Strong Language: Words First Open Mic

Soweto Kinch



Sunday 10th September

Contains Strong Language: Words First Showcase

Contains Strong Language: Across Borders Reading

Contains Strong Language: Words First film screening

Jasmine Gardosi/Xhosa Cole: Dancing to Music You Hate

Sunday 11th September

Yoga

Contains Strong Language: Apples and Snakes

Garden Tour

Contains Strong Language: India UK Exchange

Contains Strong Language: Luke Wright

Monday 12th September

Lunchtime talk

Tuesday 13th September

The lunchtime talk will take place in BSL

with translation for hearing audience members

Wednesday 14th September

Lunchtime talk

Thursday 15th September

Lunchtime Talk

Feel Fabulous Workshop

Family Catwalk Extravaganza

Catwalk Extravaganza

Friday 16th September

Lunchtime talk

Billy Read

The Album: Live, Sarah & Yuki

Sunset Shift

Asian Summer

Saturday 17th September

Drag Queen Story Time

Asian Summer

Carnival- Fantastical Flora

The Turbans

The Destroyers

Balimaya Project

Yshee's Ballistic Drag Party



Sunday 18th September

Yoga
Rosie Tee
NeOne the Wonderer
Carriss Auburn
TrueMendous
Sanity
Kofi Stone

AUDIO DESCRIPTION

Audio Description will be provided by Mind's Eye providing a vivid description of some of our most visually exciting events. Collect your headset from the Information point.

Thursday 15th September

Family Catwalk Extravaganza
Catwalk Extravaganza

Friday 16th September

The Album: Live, Sarah & Yuki
Sunset Shift
Asian Summer

Saturday 17th September

Tuk Tuk ChaiWallah Performance, 11:10-11:40
Asian Summer
Carnival- Fantastical Flora



TOUCH TOURS

Sunday 11th September, 11am

Tuesday 13th September, 6pm

There will be two Touch Tours of the PoliNations site led by trained specialists. These are a great way to explore and experience the PoliNations super garden to its fullest by using texture, sound and other senses.

Spaces on the tour can be booked in advance and we will prioritise allocating spaces on these tours to blind or partially sighted people. Please visit the [PoliNations website](#) to book.

ICONIC PLANTS AUDIO TOUR

Headsets for the Iconic Plant Tour can be collected from the Information point. The iconic plants are marked on our Braille and large print maps and. Braille signs can be found at each plant.

Audio Descriptions of the Iconic Plants are also available on the headsets. Please ask a member of our Information point team who will be happy to help you get set up.

Jon Drori's stories about the Iconic Plants can also be read on our website.

For details of the full PoliNations programme please visit the [PoliNations website](#). Highlights include Yoga, Spectra's From Soil to Sip: an accessible and multi-sensory tour of the PoliNations garden, Tuk Tuk Chaiwallah and the daily Sunset Shift, a spectacular sound and light show.



Contact Us

If you have any questions about access provision at PoliNations please contact us at access@triggerstuff.co.uk or call us **0117 2350 365** and we'll be happy to help!

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