

FREEDOM festival

WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

For audiences who may need to know more about Freedom Festival before they attend



FREEDOM FESTIVAL: A WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

Hello! We are Freedom Festival Arts Trust, and we make Freedom Festival happen.

This guide is going to explain what you can expect at Freedom Festival this year. We know for some audiences with additional access needs that knowing more about our shows can help you prepare for your visit. A **What To Expect Guide** will tell you what the Festival will be like as an audience member, so you can decide when to visit and what you would like to see. This guide is to be used alongside our **Festival Guide**. You will also find an Access Page on the Freedom Festival website, which covers accessible toilets and parking.



If you need any further information or have any questions, we want to hear from you. Email access@freedomfestival.co.uk or call 01482 818379 and ask to speak to someone about access.



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Zebedee's Yard



Princes Dock Street



Trinity Square and Market

What is Freedom Festival?

Freedom Festival is an arts festival, which means for five days there are lots of events happening indoors and outdoors, including circus performers, music, exhibitions and dance.

Where is Freedom Festival?

There will be events across the city centre for the whole Festival. We've listed three locations on this page where multiple events will be happening, particularly at the weekend.



What will it be like on the day?

Most of Freedom Festival happens outdoors in public spaces. This means you can watch a show and leave at any time if you need to. There is no pressure to stay for the whole show if you can't do so, and you're welcome to leave and come back at any of our outdoor shows.

- Freedom Festival is a busy event, so there will be crowds, like at a concert or a sports event. It won't get too loud, but it may be noisier at certain shows!
- At most shows, at any time, you can move around if you need to, and you can ask questions.
- If you need support, Gig Buddies and Nice Twice Club have spaces on Princes Dock Street. Their staff can help if you need more access information or help.
- Our friends at Hull Truck Theatre have offered the use of their spaces if you need a break between 10am-3pm on Saturday and Sunday of the festival.
- Most events happen during the daytime and use natural light, but some shows will use different lighting. Any strobes or flashing will have a warning.
- Our indoor shows are all different, so we advise you check their description in the Festival Guide. If you need support accessing these shows, please let us know!

If you have any questions, you can ask a volunteer! They are here to help. They will wear t-shirts that say Freedom Volunteer on them.



Some shows we recommend you come and see:

We've picked these shows as they are easy to follow, fun and suitable for all ages.

Check out our **Festival Guide** for more information!



Pram People
Polyglot Theatre
Street Performance



The Amazing Katleen
Circ Rodini
Circus



Barriere
Sur Mesure
Circus



TOPA
Kukai Dantza & Brodas Bros
Dance



The 2CV
Bangditos
Street Performance

This What To Expect Guide is a companion to the full Festival Guide, which you should use alongside this guide.



The following pages cover what to expect at each show at Freedom Festival 2024. This is designed for audiences with additional access needs, to support your visit and to help you plan what to see.



TICKETED EVENTS



CIRCA

This is an indoor ticketed contemporary circus performance, set on a 30m long catwalk with audience on 3 sides. It is fully seated.



BOB MARLEY FOR BABIES

The show is indoors at Hull Truck Theatre. Audiences will sit on the floor around the performance. It is relaxed and there will be room to move around.



UNIVERS

The show is indoors at Hull Truck Theatre. Audiences will sit on the floor around the performance. It is relaxed and there will be room to move around.



You can book tickets on our website
<https://www.freedomfestival.co.uk/whats-on/>



CIRCUS

Circus shows at Freedom Festival often get busy. All circus performances apart from Circa are outdoors, so you can move round and use as much space as you need. It's encouraged you make noise, talk, clap and cheer. Most shows use natural lighting.



ETERNITY



BARRIERE



**THE AMAZING
KATLEEN**



SYNC OR SWIM



DANCE

Sync or Swim is performed at Stage @ The Dock, so there will be outdoor theatre seats to watch from.



TOPA

TOPA and Tony and Ray Find Their feet are performed in open locations so you can come and go. We do expect there to be a lot of people stopping to watch these performances.



**TONY AND
RAY FIND
THEIR FEET**

STREET PERFORMANCES

Pram People, CODE , Arch, Pan ~// Catwalk, Bangditos and Bench Invasion are all street performances- our street performances often attract large crowds. You should expect some audience interaction at Bench Invasion and Bangditos!



MUSIC

Music at Freedom Festival takes place across three locations. Zebedee's Yard will have much more of a 'festival' feel at its music stage, so you can come and go as you like, although there will be crowds coming in and out, and in the yard itself and it will be noisy. Beats Bus will be showcasing lots of local acts at Stage @ The Dock where you can come and go in a relaxed seated set up. The final music location by Freedom Chorus will take place in multiple locations on Saturday and Sunday. Expect moving crowds, plenty of places to stop and rest and lots of noise!

INSTALLATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Our installations are all very different this year. There will be times in some exhibitions when quiet is expected, but we want to remind audiences that you're encouraged to enjoy artwork in a respectful way, but most importantly in a way that works for you. We encourage talking, sharing and taking as long as you need in a space. Three artworks we want to share here are:



PUBLIC TRUST

In this interactive artwork, we invite you to create a promise in words that will be published on a large display board. BSL interpreted slots will be available across the weekend.

This fascinating exhibition allows you to watch the perspective journey of a parcel packed with a small camera as it travels through the postal system. This is an interactive experience in an enclosed space.

PARCEL



ON OUR DOORSTEPS

6 billboards explore and celebrate wilderness and wildlife in and around the city of Hull

A video installation exploring our connection to nature and green spaces.

NEST



We regret that Parcel and NEST are not wheelchair accessible.

FAMILY THEATRE

We're proud to offer a range of gorgeous shows made for children. You can expect performances to be relaxed, visual and limited in speech. Even though they're created for the little ones in your life, we're sure that grown-ups will enjoy them too! Alongside our ticketed shows at Hull Truck Theatre, you can catch two more lovely shows across the weekend:



Using acrobatics and live music, this circus theatre adventure explores what happens when people don't fit into boxes. Perfect for 3-7 year olds.

PLINK AND BOO



Kids and their grown-ups can join a team of playworkers to build, dress up imagine and fix the city's streets through play.

ESSENTIAL PLAYWORKS

If we have missed anything from this Guide, please get in touch. No question is too big or too small! Please check our access page for more information on things like wheelchair access, BSL interpretation and audio described shows.

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