

THE Digital Universities UK 2024 - Room Accessibility

This document provides accessibility information to help you get around campus and experience the conference as easily as possible.

There is more information on the [Accessibility page](#) on the EventExeter website.

Where you see a what3words address, this refers to a 3-metre square location (usually the building entrance). Tap the link to find it.

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The Forum

Description

The Forum is the central hub of the University of Exeter's Streatham Campus. It contains indoor and outdoor venue and teaching spaces, and links to the Great Hall and Devonshire House buildings.

How to get here

[Google Maps](#)

what3words (entrance): [///proof.copies.ridge](#)

Accessibility features

- Lift access
- Step-free access to ground floor

Additional information

The Forum is situated on a fairly steep hill.

All spaces are DDA-compliant and wheelchair accessible.

Induction loop hearing facilities are available in the Alumni Auditorium and both Exploration Labs as well as Seminar Rooms 3, 4, 6 and 9.

You can find out more about The Forum and view models and info sheets for each room on the [EventExeter website](#).

Alumni Auditorium (Forum)

Description

The Alumni Auditorium is a lecture theatre in the Forum. It spans the ground and first floors. There are two entrances to the Auditorium on each floor and fire exits can be accessed from both levels.

The Alumni Auditorium has fixed swivel chairs and four dedicated wheelchair spaces, each with a power and data supply. Seating is arranged in tiers which can be accessed via steps. If you would like to sit on one of the higher tiers, you may find it easier to access these levels via the first floor entrances (which can be accessed via lift or stairs) rather than climb up from the ground floor.

How to get here

There are two entrances to the Alumni Auditorium on the ground floor of the Forum. Head towards the back of the building and take a slight left. There is a door next to the back entrance of the Forum, and a door further to the left, beyond the toilets.

You can also access the Auditorium via the mezzanine. Head towards the back of the building on the mezzanine floor and take a slight left. The room is clad in light wood and is to the left of the large window at the back of the Forum.

Accessibility features

- Step-free access from the Forum ground floor (ground floor entrances to the Auditorium)
- Level access from the Forum mezzanine (quicker access to higher seating tiers in the Auditorium)
- **Please note that the swivel seats are arranged in tiers, which can only be accessed via the steps inside the Auditorium. These steps are not too steep.**
- All seating tiers can be accessed from both sets of entrances
- Lift access from higher floors
- Wheelchair access
- 4 dedicated wheelchair spaces
- Lighting – dimmable artificial lighting, blackout blinds
- Flat carpet flooring
- Induction loop hearing facilities

Seminar Rooms 1-6 (Forum)

Description

The Forum Seminar Rooms are teaching spaces in the Forum. Rooms 1-6 are on the ground floor and can be accessed without having to use steps. Fire exits are at the end of the corridor via internal stairs.

How to get here

These rooms are on the ground floor inside The Forum. Their corridor is towards the back on the left side of the building.

Head towards the Alumni Auditorium and turn left. Keep going until you reach a corridor of seminar rooms.

Accessibility features

- Step-free access from the Forum ground floor entrances
- Lift access from higher floors
- Wheelchair access
- Lighting - ceiling lights, natural light with blackouts
- Flat carpet flooring
- Movable chairs and tables
- Rooms 3, 4, and 6 have induction loop hearing facilities

Seminar Rooms 7-12 (Forum)

Description

The Forum Seminar Rooms are teaching spaces in the Forum. Rooms 7-12 are on the first floor and their corridor can be accessed using stairs or a lift. Once in the corridor, there is level access to each room. Fire exits are at the end of the corridor via internal stairs.

How to get here

These rooms are on the first floor inside The Forum. Stairs and a lift to this floor are towards the back on the left side of the building, just before the corridor for Seminar Rooms 1-6.

Head towards the Alumni Auditorium and turn left. Go through the double doors to get to the staircase or use the lift opposite these doors.

Accessibility features

- Lift access to the corridor
- Level access to the Seminar Rooms
- Wheelchair access
- Lighting - ceiling lights, natural light with blackouts
- Flat carpet flooring
- Movable chairs and tables
- Room 9 has induction loop hearing facilities

Forum Exploration Lab 1 and 2

Description

The Forum Exploration Labs are teaching spaces in the Forum. They are on the mezzanine floor to the right of the building. There are two fire exits, one involving stairs. Exploration Lab 2 contains height-adjustable surface tables.

How to get here

These rooms are on the first floor inside The Forum. They are on the right side of the building and can be accessed via the mezzanine.

To use the stairs, head towards the left-hand side of the Forum and use the stairs heading up to the back of the Forum to reach the mezzanine. Turn right and head towards the other side of the Forum. Take a slight right, and the Exploration Labs will be on your left.

Accessibility features

- Lift access to the mezzanine
- Wheelchair access
- Lighting – artificial lighting
- Flat carpet flooring
- Exploration Lab 2 has height-adjustable surface desks
- Both Exploration Labs have induction loop hearing facilities

Great Hall

Description

The Great Hall is a multipurpose events venue that sits within the Devonshire House building. You'll also find the Terrace, Sanctuary, and RAM Bar in this building.

Ground floor

On the ground floor, you'll find the foyer, the Sanctuary, toilets, and access to the higher floors via stairs and lift.

In the foyer, there is an accessible toilet. Fire exits are via the main access doors.

The Sanctuary is to the right as you enter the foyer. Fire exits are on the side wall (leading to the Inner Quad) and the back wall (heading to the rear of the building).

First floor

On the first floor, you'll find the main Great Hall. Access to the first floor is by lift or stairs. The entrance is through double doors either side of the stage at the front of the hall or through doors at the rear of the auditorium, which link through to the Visitor Reception area. There are five fire exits – one on either side of the stage, and three at the back of the hall.

The Terrace is also situated on the first floor.

How to get here

[Google Maps](#)

what3words (entrance): [///laser.spike.pure](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=///laser.spike.pure)

Accessibility features

- Step-free access from the Forum ground floor entrances
- Lift and stair access to all levels
- Accessible toilets on the ground and second floors.
- Wheelchair access
- Lighting
 - o Ground floor – natural light, ceiling lights, slatted window blinds (Sanctuary)
 - o First floor – ceiling lights, wall lights, stage lighting
- Flat flooring

Additional information

Devonshire House is situated on a fairly steep hill.

You can find out more about Devonshire House and the Great Hall, and to view models and info sheets for each room on the [EventExeter website](#). The info sheet includes floor plans for each floor.

There are also AccessAble guides with more information:

- [Devonshire House AccessAble guide](#)
- [Great Hall AccessAble guide](#)