

MethodsCon accessibility information



This document provides information on accessibility for MethodsCon, an NCRM event that takes place in Manchester, UK, on 13-14 September 2022.

Location of the event

MethodsCon takes place at etc.venues, which is located at 11 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 3HU. It occupies the eighth floor.

Car parks

The venue is close to a number of car parks. These car parks are:

1. Manchester Minshull Street, M1 3ED (operated by SIP)
2. Manchester Piccadilly Gardens, M1 3AY (operated by Manchester City Council)
3. Manchester Chorlton Street, M1 3FY (operated by NCP), which has seven disabled parking bays.

Getting inside the venue

Access to 11 Portland Street is via a street-level front door, which is wide, step-free and automated. There is a staffed reception desk, which allows secure access to the rest of the building through an automated gate.

etc.venues is on the eighth floor and can be accessed via a lift. The lift door is 2.1m high, 1.3m deep and 0.9m wide, with manual buttons.

Facilities on the eighth floor

The main spaces and hallways have single-level, step-free access with manual doors to toilets and break-out rooms. These doors can be propped open if needed.

The eighth floor has two accessible toilets with opposite-side grab rails in each. They have a single hook on the door. They do not have shelving.

Two gender-allocated toilets are also available.

A refuge area is situated in the hallway for emergency fire evacuation.

Windows in all but one area have manual blinds and can be adjusted by delegates. The conference room windows to the rear do not have blinds.

Multiple screens are available in the larger rooms and may be used during the event.

A portable ramp for the stage is available for the conference space.

Induction loops are available in all rooms with a PA system. If they are required in other spaces, a portable PA system can be requested.

Cabaret seating/theatre seating to maximum capacity will not allow for wide aisles access, so the room set up will be arranged according to delegates' needs and numbers.

Communal spaces for coffees and meals have both stool-height seating and dining-height seating.

Additional considerations

MethodsCon timings will allow 15 minutes for turn around and movement between scheduled sessions.

Contributors running sessions of two hours or more will be requested to schedule a suitable break in agreement with delegates.

The venue is a licensed venue and alcohol may be served during the event. A drinks reception is to be decided upon.

A quiet room can be allocated at the request of delegates. Please notify NCRM in advance if this is needed to enable access.

Communal lockers are available in the main reception area on the eighth floor. These are free to use but do not lock.

Shower and changing facilities are available on the lower ground floor of the building (accessed by the lift) for venue staff and could be accessed by delegates through prior arrangement if needed.

COVID-19 measures

Sanitiser stations (on pedestals) are available at all entrances to the building, and hand sanitiser bottles are also located at all communal areas, such as coffee machines.

Communal coffee machines are cleaned every 15 minutes by venue staff.

A fresh air circulation system can be used through the air conditioning units.

Windows do not manually open for air circulation.

Masks are not provided by the venue but will be provided by NCRM. Delegates are welcome to wear their own masks or those provided.

Remote access

MethodsCon is a wholly in-person event.