

ETL Accessibility Guide (Porty):



Welcome

Our most accessible workshop is in Edinburgh's idyllic seaside suburb, Portobello. Whether you come for one of our classes, to attend an open workshop session or to take part in one of our community build events, we want to make sure you have a blast.

We are fully accessible for wheelchair users and we endeavour to cater to other specific access requirements.

Please get in touch if you require any further information about specific access or need advice on planning your visit. You can contact us by sending an email to hello@edinburghtoollibrary.org.uk

At a glance

General

- We have access for disabled visitors
- We have a disabled toilet
- Personal Assistants attend classes and open workshops for free

Level Access

- The pavement outside the workshop is pretty uneven.
- There are 3 doors between the road and the workshop which will be propped open for workshop access.
- There is step free access throughout.

Doorways

- The outer door is 80.5 cm
- The middle door is 86.5 cm
- The inner door is 86.5 cm
- The workshop door is 79.5 cm

Hearing

- We have a hearing loop installed.
- Some staff have limited BSL training.
- The workshop can be a noisy place, so we encourage everyone to wear ear protectors (provided) when working in the workshop.
- There is no background music.

Visual

- The doors have high colour contrast.
- We have large print options of all our paperwork.
- There is good lighting throughout (fluorescent in the entrance and LED in the workshop).
- We have a clip-on desktop magnifying glass.

Getting here

19 Windsor Place
Edinburgh
EH15 2AJ

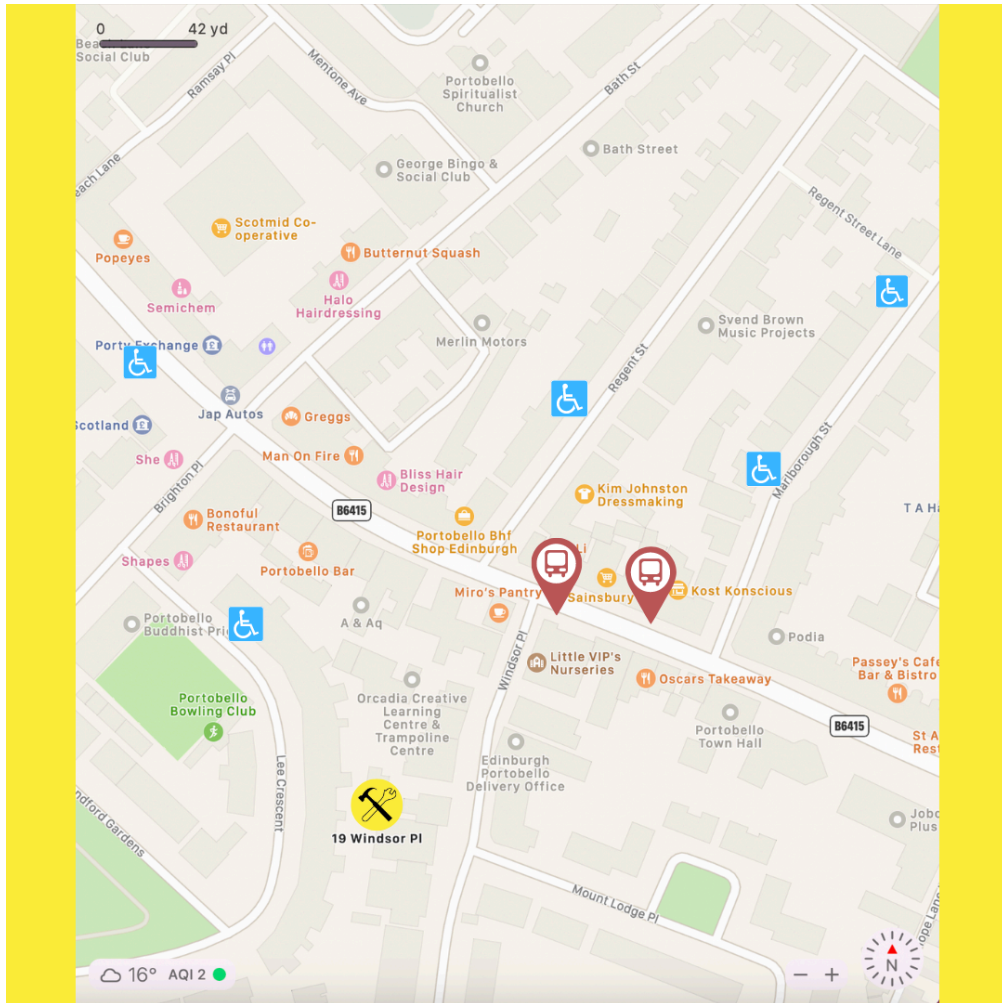


Photo 1: Blue Badge parking and buses at ETL Porty

Travel by public transport

- The nearest bus stop is on Portobello High street (stop “Windsor place”). The bus stop is 0.07 miles / 394 feet from ETL Porty. (Photo 1)

Travel by taxi

- You can get a taxi with City Cabs by calling 0131 228 1211. Make sure you ask for a wheelchair accessible vehicle if needed.

Parking

- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance, outside Tribe Porty. The pavement here is a little uneven so take care (photo 2).
- There is limited free on street parking available on Windsor Place and Mount Lodge Place and metre parking on Portobello High Street.
- The nearest Blue Badge parking spaces are on Regent Street and Marlborough Street (photo 1).



Photo 2: Uneven pavement outside the building

Street

- The surface from Windsor Place to the entrance of ETL Porty is a mix of both paved and tarmac. There is one very uneven area (photo 2)

- There are street lights all along Windsor Place and Portobello High Street
- There are no drop curbs on the right hand side of the Windsor Place pavement, between Portobello high street and Tribe Porty
- From the street to the main entrance, there is one curb measuring 75 mm
- The path is slightly sloped towards the main entrance with a shallow drain about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way along it

Main entrance

- The main entrance has level access (photo 3).
- The door is 80.5 mm wide.
- The main door must be manually opened from the inside - so please ring the doorbell for entrance if the door is shut (photo 4).
- The floor is made of concrete.



Photo 3: Path to main entrance



Photo 4: Doorbell



Photo 5: The hallways from main entrance to reception area

Library and Workshop Access

Arrival

- From the main entrance to the workshop, there is level access.
- The corridor leading to ETL's inner entrance has two more doors, measuring both 86.5 cm (photo 5).
- The first area is the reception and library area and then there is one more door that leads to the workshop
- The door between the Library and the workshop is the narrowest door in the workshop and it measures 79.5 cm.
- The route through the workshop to the machine room is marked with yellow lines and is 80 cm wide at the narrowest point.



Photo 6: inside the reception and library area leading to the workshop

Workshop Equipment

- There is one height adjustable workbench for wheelchair users, or those who wish to work seated. The length of the bench is 185cm and the depth is 66.5 cm.
- There are seats available in both reception and workshop
- We have gripping aids (left and right Active Hands and Dycem blue sticky) upon request.
- We have an hearing loop installed

Toilets

- Unisex Accessible Toilet for disabled visitors.
- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. The toilet door is 89 cm wide.
- There is 121 cm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 50.5 cm high.
- There are horizontal grab rails located to the left of the toilet, and a fold down U-rail to the right. There is space on the right hand side of the toilet for a wheelchair (78cm)
- There is another public toilet on the first floor, with baby changing facilities



Photo 7: Accessible bathroom at ETL Porty

Feedback

We are working on our accessibility overall, and would welcome your feedback and suggestions! Please get in touch at hello@edinburghtoolibrary.org.uk

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