

AGender Conference: Joining Information

We hope that the conference is interesting and accessible for everyone. However, if you have any particular requirements in order to participate please get in touch with Jude Woods (jude.woods@leeds.gov.uk 0113 2477021).

If you have booked on but cannot come please let us know so we can offer your place to someone else.

Conference Fee:

Booking a place at the conference is free but we will ask for a donation when you arrive. We hope that this will make the event more accessible for those on low incomes. The recommended donation is £15 for each day but we encourage those on good incomes to donate more and those who face financial barriers to donate whatever they can afford. Donations can be made in cash or with a card and a receipt can be provided.

Access:

The Art Gallery has good general access, and although a small proportion of the gallery areas are not accessible to people who use wheelchairs we will **not** be using those areas during the conference.

We have 2 wheelchair accessible toilets in the gallery and in the gallery shop the fully equipped accessible toilet, which is part of the Changing Places scheme will be available for conference participants. http://www.changing-places.org/find_a_toilet/location_map_and_national_register/details/mid/422/lid/688/ctl.aspx

BSL Interpreters:

Please let us know if you would like to use the BSL Interpreters so that we can have the right amount of interpreters available.

Refreshments and lunch:

We are providing tea and coffee in the morning and afternoon breaks but we will **not** be providing lunch, this is because we are delivering the event on a limited budget. So please bring your own packed lunch (there will be plenty of places to sit indoors and outside to eat your lunch), you can also use one of the many cafes and sandwich shops in the area around the Art Gallery (see map) or the Tiled Hall Café or Brew Bar both located in the Art Gallery: <http://freshhospitality.co.uk/cafes/the-tiled-hall-cafe.php> and <http://freshhospitality.co.uk/cafes/brewbar-cafe.php>.

Travel and Parking:

Parking in Leeds City Centre can be costly but there are many car parks in the area, for the cheapest all day parking try Woodhouse Lane Car Park (£5) it is a short walk from the gallery (10-15 minutes): Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 3AX

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Leeds-City-Centre-shopper-and-visitors-car-park-at-Woodhouse-Lane--.aspx>

Blue Badge parking spaces are available near the gallery and are marked on the map, however you can only use them for up to 4 hours then you cannot return for an hour. The ordinary parking bays, also available near the Blue Badge bays, and are free to Blue Badge holders. You can park there with no time restriction so I would recommend this as a way to park close to the gallery for the whole day.

Unfortunately we are unable to reserve these so you will need to allow time to drive around to find one, the ones on Alexandra Street are usually available. For those of you who are not from Leeds take a look at maps online before coming as Leeds has a one way city loop system - so to be able to turn right into Alexandra Street you will need to approach on East Parade, then Calverley Street.

The walk from Leeds Train Station takes 10-15 minutes but if a taxi is required the best option is Premier Taxis (0113 2888855), alternatively there are black cabs stationed outside the main exit. The walk from Leeds bus station takes 20 – 25 minutes. Both are marked on the map below.

Accommodation:

For information about where to stay and general tourist information:

<http://www.visitleeds.co.uk/essentials/tourist-information-centres.aspx>

The two nearest and cheapest hotels:

Premier Inn Leeds City Centre Arena

<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LEEHEP/leeds-city-centre-leeds-arena>

Travel Lodge Leeds Central Vicar Lane Hotel

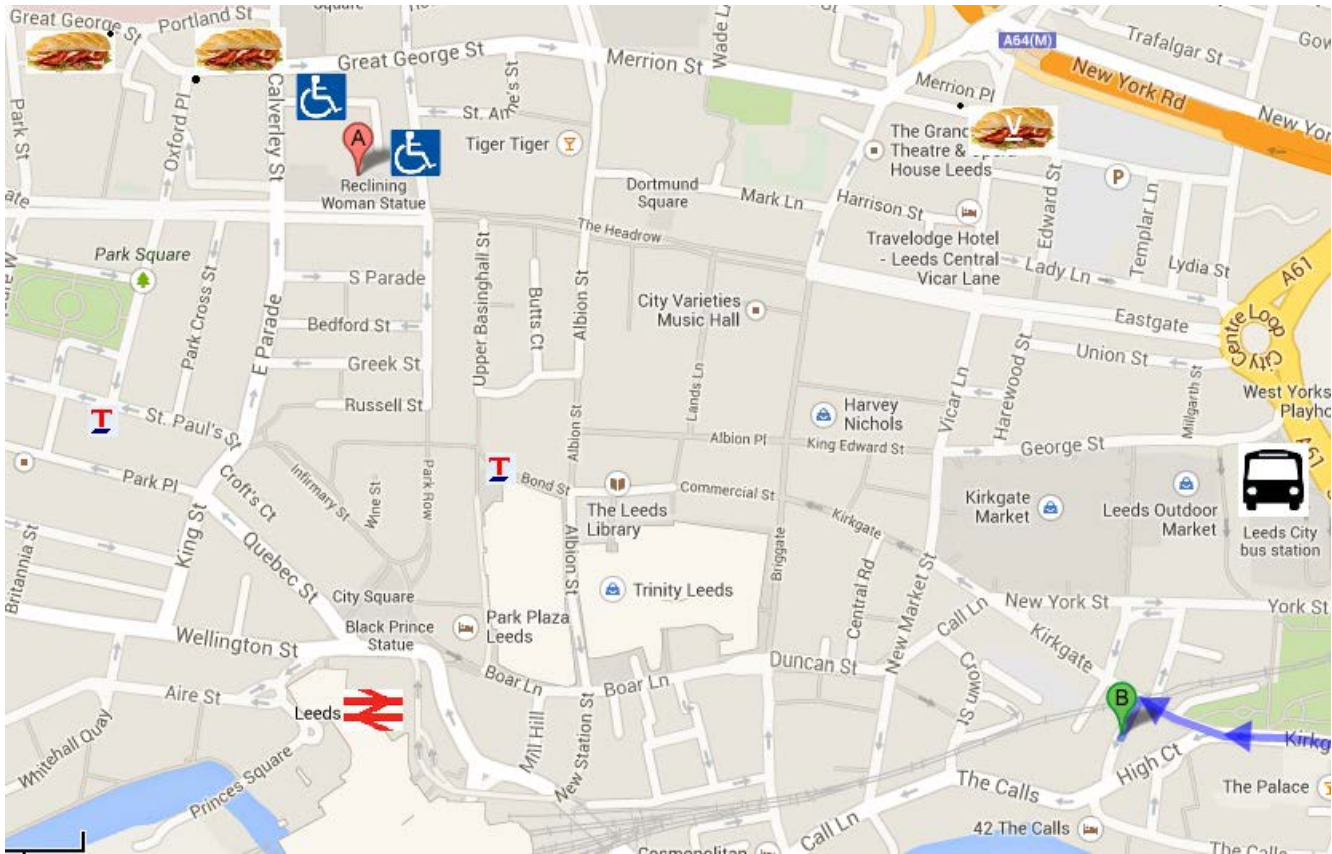
<http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/323/Leeds-Central-Vicar-Lane-hotel?gclid=CLvm-f34ur4CFaXHtAodxAYA-Q>

Safe Space:

This event is run on the expectation that everyone will be respectful and kind to all other participants. We hope that the event we be inclusive as possible and that everyone will feel welcome to participate, therefore harassment, hostility, aggression and any form of discriminatory language or behaviour will be challenged. If anyone experiences discomfort or concern about something that happens at the event we encourage you to talk to one of the organisers as we will take any report of inappropriate behaviour very seriously.

We request that everyone allows space for other individuals to contribute. This means that all participants should be considerate of how much they are speaking to avoid dominating the conversation and never interrupt other people who are sharing their views. We also encourage participants to listen to views which are different from their own but to express opposition in a non-confrontational way. If a discussion becomes personal, we trust that participants will keep what is said inside the room and behave with kindness and consideration when responding.

We will provide a 'Changing Room' in the gallery for those who may want to change their clothes once they have arrived at the event, the location will be included in the conference pack each person will be offered when they arrive. It will be open from 9am and until 6pm for conference participants (events start at 9.30 and finish at 5pm), and is large enough to accommodate a few people with some curtained off areas for privacy.



Leeds Art Gallery



Cafes; Brod Sandwich Bar, Josephs, Greggs, Deli 59, Relish



Vegan Cafe; Roots and Fruits (10 Grand Arcade, City Centre, LS1 6PG



Tesco Express Stores; Bond Street and Calverly Road



Blue Badge Parking Spaces, Cookridge Street and Alexander Street



Leeds Bus Station



Leeds Train Station



Wharf Chambers