

Farrell Centre

Accessibility Guide



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Opening hours Wednesday–Friday, 13.00–16.00 and every second Saturday of the month.

Free admission

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Welcome

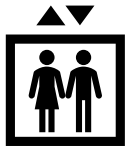
The Farrell Centre is located on Eldon Place, close to Haymarket Metro station in Newcastle's city centre. Our mission is to widen the debate around the roles that architecture and planning play in the contemporary world. We believe the city belongs to everyone and that everyone should have a voice in shaping its future.

We are admission free and offer a variety of programmes and activities for visitors of all ages: exhibitions, public talks and debates, activities for schools, young people, community groups, professional events, as well as publications, podcasts and other digital projects.

We are part of Newcastle University and work closely with colleagues and students in the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape and beyond.

Have a look at everything we have coming up on our **What's On** webpage: www.farrellcentre.org.uk/whats-on

Our facilities at a glance



Lift We have a lift for visitors to access all floors of the Farrell Centre.



Accessible toilets There are accessible toilets on Level 0 (ground floor) and Level 2.



Hearing loop We have a portable hearing loop. Please ask at the Welcome Desk on Level 0.



Quiet space We have a quiet space available on Level 2 for any visitor to use. It is equipped with sensory toys and comfortable seating.



Baby change Baby changing facilities are available on Level 0 (ground floor) and Level 2.



Buggy Park Buggy parking is available on Level 0.



Breastfeeding You are welcome to breastfeed anywhere in the Farrell Centre. There is a sofa in the Quiet Space that can be used to breastfeed.



Sensory backpacks We have sensory backpacks for visitors to borrow, which include activities and fidget toys.



Eating You are welcome to bring picnic food to eat during your visit to the Farrell Centre.

Getting here

Our address is:

The Sir Terry Farrell Building
Eldon Place
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[Find us on Google Maps](#)

For detailed transport information, visit our [Getting here](#) webpage.

Exploring the Farrell Centre

The Farrell Centre is a colourful building with large windows in every room that overlook busy Barras Bridge and Claremont Road.

When you arrive, you will be greeted by a member of our audience engagement team at the welcome desk. They can provide information, a hearing loop, architecture explorer packs and sensory backpacks. There is space to leave buggies, scooters etc.

There are displays and activities on Levels 1 and 2. These are bright, colourful spaces which can get busy with families and school groups. There is plenty to get involved with – this could be creating a tower from straws and tape or designing your own city skyline.

There are friendly staff on Levels 1 and 2. They can assist you with taking part in activities or answer any questions about the Farrell Centre. There is also a Quiet Space on Level 2, with a sofa and sensory toys. This room can be used by any visitor.

Main entrance



Photo by Jill Tate

Our main entrance on Eldon Place is 170cm wide and accessed via two automatic doors which open inwards.

There is an alternative entrance on Claremont Road, which can be accessed via two manually operated doors each 100cm wide. The Claremont Road entrance includes a single step, 164cm away from the door.

Both entrances open onto a large, brightly lit atrium. There are overhead lights and large floor-to-ceiling windows. The floor surface is large rubber tiles: a level, textured and slightly rubbery surface.

Level 0



Image: Farrell Centre/Jim Stephenson

The welcome desk is the first thing you see after you enter the building on our Eldon Place entrance on Level 0. A team member will be able to help you with your visit, letting you know about our exhibitions, events and activities and advising on specific accessibility needs.

The Farrell Centre has a portable hearing loop. Please ask at the welcome desk if you would like to borrow this for your visit.

There is a buggy park next to the desk.

If you would like to borrow a sensory backpack, architectural explorer pack or some ear defenders, these are also available from the welcome desk.

Level 0 has an all-gender accessible toilet.

Bleacher seating

There is sunken bleacher-style seating to the right of the welcome desk, which is accessed by steps with a 90cm high handrail. The seats are 50cm high benches. Visitors are welcome to use these seats for a rest, drink and a snack. This is a space for the display of film and video, on a large screen opposite the seating.



Photo Jill Tate

Lift

There is a lift on Level 0 which can be used to access the exhibitions on Level 1 and the Urban Rooms on Level 2.

The entrance to the lift is 89cm wide and the highest lift button is 115cm from the ground.



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Stairs

There are stairs in the Atrium on Level 0 which lead to the upper floors. The staircases are well lit, wide and have 90cm high handrails on either side.

From Level 0 to Level 1, there are 28 steps in total. These are broken down into 3 sections: a wide single step followed by a turn onto the main staircase, a further 14 steps up a straight staircase onto a 132cm long step, followed by another 13 steps to the top of the staircase.

From Level 1 to Level 2, there are 12 steps, followed by a 130cm long step, followed by a further 10 steps.



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Level 1

Level 1 is home to the Farrell Centre's main exhibition and display spaces. It is a split-level floor, with a short staircase from the Level 1 landing to our main gallery rooms.

These spaces can both be accessed via our lift. For the Level 1 galleries press the lift button L1 'exhibitions'. For the Level 1 landing and displays, select U1 'exhibitions and displays'.



Image: Farrell Centre/Georgia Fitzpatrick

Landing and Display Area

The Level 1 landing is a long, open space with overhead lighting and natural light from windows at either end. The floor is textured rubber tiles. It contains displays and a central activity table. The activity table is 65cm high.

There is a seating area in this space, close to the stairs that lead to Level 2. These seats are 46cm high backless benches. You are welcome to use these benches for a drink or snack.

To access the main gallery from the landing, there are 4 wide steps down to a doorway signed 'Exhibition Galleries'. There is a 90cm high handrail on either side of the staircase. Alternatively, the lift can be used to move between the atrium and the main gallery.



Image: Farrell Centre/Graeme Peacock

Level 1 Exhibition Galleries

Our exhibitions change twice a year. As you enter the Exhibition Galleries, the floor surface changes from textured rubber tiles to wooden flooring. The laminate surface is smooth and level. There is overhead lighting and large floor-to-ceiling windows which look out over Claremont Road and Barras Bridge.

The galleries are divided into four separate rooms with arched doorways between each space.

The doorway into exhibition room 2 is 83cm.

The doorway into exhibition room 3 is 63cm.

The doorway into exhibition room 4 is 92cm.

Level 2

Level 2 is home to our Urban Rooms, Quiet Space and toilets. These spaces can all be accessed by lift, or by the stairs onto the Level 1 landing which is used as a small display space.

The Urban Rooms are organised around the themes of Plan, Build and Participate. In each room you will find a range of displays, objects, and activities.

Plan (Blue Room)

Our lift opens onto the first Urban Room, 'Plan'. This room has blue rubber tile flooring. There is natural light from windows, plus overhead lighting.

Maps of Tyneside from the sixteenth century to the present are displayed on the walls. In the centre of the room is changing display constructed from scaffolding, where we bring together a range of proposals for Tyneside.



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Build (Red Room)

The next Urban Room is 'Build'. It is accessed from Participate (Blue Room), through a 107cm wide door. The floor in Build is red rubber tiles. There are large windows providing plenty of natural light, plus overhead lighting.

There are activities for younger visitors, including magna-blocks and Lego. The activity tables are 65cm high.



Image: Farrell Centre/Graeme Peacock

Participate (Yellow Room)

The final Urban Room is called 'Participate'. This is accessed from Build through a 124cm wide door. The floor is yellow rubber tiles. Each wall has several large windows. There is also overhead lighting.

Participate is a space where we can all contribute to the discussion about how to make the city better. This includes weekend design challenges, artist-led workshops, and specially organised talks.

The activity tables in Participate are 65cm high and 72cm high. Participate also includes our soft play blocks – large colourful foam blocks for creating your own city skylines.



Image: Farrell Centre/Graeme Peacock

Quiet Space

The Quiet Space is a small room with a sofa, books, sensory and fidget toys. It can be used by any visitor in need of a quiet place to rest. This space can also be used for breastfeeding.

To access the quiet space, take the 124cm wide door at the top left of the blue Urban Room (Plan). Alternatively, it can be accessed from the yellow Urban Room (Participate) via the 84cm wide door next to the People's Plinth.

Both doors lead to a small atrium area with blue rubber flooring and overhead lights. The Quiet Space entry door is in this atrium and is 80cm wide. The Quiet Space floor is smooth lino, there is a window for natural light, plus an overhead light.



Image above: Farrell Centre/Lorna Burn

Toilets

The Farrell Centre has two accessible toilets, which can be found on Level 0 and Level 2.

Level 0 Accessible Toilet

This is an all-gender accessible toilet with baby change facilities. It is located close to our Claremont Road entrance. It has smooth black lino flooring and overhead lighting. There is a fold-down baby change station and sanitary disposal bins.

The door to this toilet is 84cm wide.

The toilet seat is 49cm high.

The sink is 75cm high.

The baby change table is 94cm from the ground.



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Level 2 Toilets

To access these toilets by lift, turn left out of the lift on Level 2. Proceed through the first Urban Room to the 84cm wide door in the corner. This leads to a corridor with blue rubber flooring, tall windows and overhead lighting. There is an 84cm wide door to the left. This leads to a further corridor from which the toilets are accessed. This corridor has smooth black lino flooring and overhead lighting.

The toilets can also be accessed via the stairs from Level 1. At the top of the stairs turn right into the corridor.

Men's Toilets

The men's toilets have smooth black lino flooring and overhead lighting. There are three urinals and one cubicle. The door into the men's toilets is 84cm wide.

The toilet seat is 43cm high.

The sinks are 82cm high.

The hand drier is 107cm from the floor.

The urinals are 70cm high from the floor.

Accessible all-gender Toilet

This is a gender-neutral accessible toilet with baby change facilities and a removable toddler seat. It has smooth black lino flooring and overhead lighting. There is a nappy bin and sanitary disposal bin. The entrance to this toilet is 84cm wide.

The toilet seat is 49cm high.

The sink is 74cm high.

The baby change table is 94cm from the ground.

Changing places in the nearby Henry Daysh Building. Please ask one of audience engagement team for directions.

Women's Toilets

The women's toilets have smooth black lino flooring, frosted windows for natural light, and overhead lighting. There is a baby change station with a changing mat and nappy bin. It has four cubicles. The entrance door to the women's toilets is 76cm wide.

The toilet seats are 43cm high.

The sink is 82cm high.

The baby change table is 94cm from the ground.

The hand driers are 107cm from the ground.



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Catering

We don't have a café at the Farrell Centre. However, you are welcome to bring food and drink to eat in the bleacher seating on Level 0, the benches on the Level 1 landing and in the Urban Rooms on Level 2. We ask that visitors do not eat in the exhibition galleries.

If you would like to fill up a water bottle, please ask our audience engagement team for access to the Level 2 kitchen.

Contact us

If you have any questions, our friendly audience engagement team is here to help. Please speak to a member of staff at the welcome desk on arrival, or you can contact us pre-visit via

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Thank you for downloading the Farrell Centre's Accessibility Guide. If you have any further questions, please get in touch.



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