Guest Artists Space Foundation Accessibility Policy

Guest Artists Space Foundation (G.A.S.) is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all guests, including those with disabilities. Our accessibility policy outlines the measures we have taken to ensure that our facilities and services are accessible to everyone.

Physical Accessibility

1. Entrance and Parking

- a. Dropped Curb and Ramp: There is a dropped curb and ramp leading into the building compound, with a levelled area at the top to ensure ease of access.
- b. Accessible Parking: Accessible parking spaces are available both outside the building and within the compound for convenient access.

2. Building Access

- a. Ramps: Ramps lead into both the outdoor courtyard and the main ground floor building entrance, with levelled areas at the top for smooth entry.
- b. Event Space: Our building event space is located on the ground floor and includes:
 - i. Flexible event furniture that can be arranged to suit various access needs.
 - ii. An accessible restroom to ensure comfort and convenience.

3. Movement Within the Building

a. Lift and Ramp Access: Lift and ramp access is available to all building floors, with levelled areas at the top to facilitate easy movement between floors.

b. Accessible Residencies:

- i. One fully accessible residency bedroom that includes an accessible en-suite bathroom.
- ii. A ground floor studio apartment for support staff working with residents who have access needs.

4. Transport Services

a. Accessible Transport: Accessible transport, including two folding threshold ramps and trained security personnel, can be booked by



guests on request or used by residents with access needs. This service is designed to ensure safe and convenient travel to and from the G.A.S. facilities.

Access Provisions for Individuals who are Neurodivergent and/or Have Mental Disabilities

G.A.S. recognises the importance of providing support for individuals with mental disabilities. Our commitment includes:

- 1. **Inclusive Environment:** Creating a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for individuals with mental disabilities by fostering awareness and understanding among staff and residents.
- 2. Quiet Spaces: We can provide designated quiet spaces on request within our facilities where individuals can retreat to if they need a calm and low-stimulation environment.
- 3. Event Flexibility: Our events are designed to be flexible, allowing for adjustments to be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with mental disabilities.
- Support Services: Access to support services and resources, including mental health professionals and counsellors, can be arranged upon request to ensure the well-being of our guests.
- 5. Weekly Support Meetings: All residents can take advantage of additional weekly support meetings with the Executive Director.

Resource Availability

We strive to allocate resources and make available any additional equipment or services specified in access riders submitted with the <u>Travel Risk Assessment Form</u>, ensuring that all guests have equal access to our facilities and programmes.

Feedback and Continuous Improvement

We welcome feedback from all guests to continually improve our accessibility services. Please contact magga@yinkashonibarefoundation.com or





moni@guestartistsspacefoundation.com to share your suggestions or to request specific accommodations.

G.A.S. is dedicated to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their physical or mental abilities, can fully participate in and enjoy the experiences we offer. We strive to create an environment that is not only accessible but also inclusive and supportive of all guests.

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