

EDINBURGH
dancebase 
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DANCE

Access Statement
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About us:

Dance Base is on a mission to get more people dancing. The organisation exists to encourage and celebrate the potential for dance in everyone.

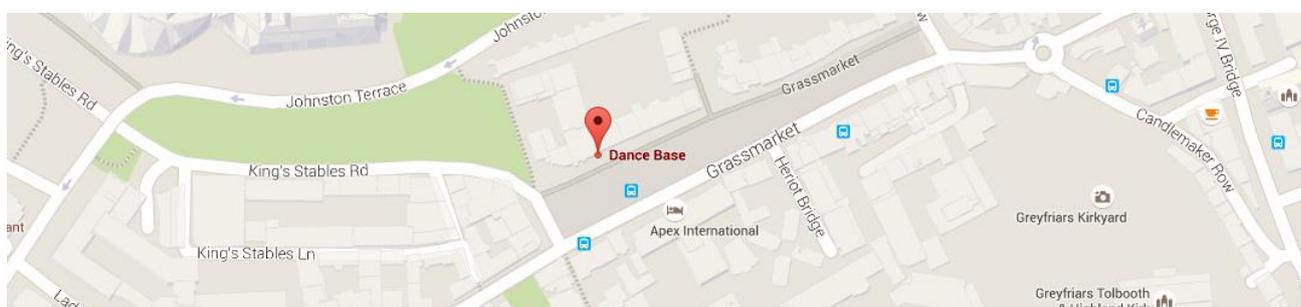
As a National Centre for Dance in Scotland, we offer a vibrant and uplifting focal point for dance as an art form, a way to exercise, and a way of life. We reach out to inspire wellbeing and creativity, and cultivate a future for dance in local, national and international communities.

Dance Base is located on the Grassmarket, and is comprised of four dance studios over three levels. Entry to Dance Base on street level is through a cobbled pend up a flight of stairs, or using a lift.

As well as the four studios, the building has a reception area, a soft play area, changing facilities and accessible toilets.

As an organisation, we are always thinking about how we can make our building and services more accessible. We love gaining valuable feedback about how we can help you. You can contact us by email, phone or in person to discuss any aspect of accessibility at Dance Base, including what is or isn't detailed in this document.

Getting here:



- There is one bus route that stops around 50 metres from Dance Base. This bus is the number 2 service. All Edinburgh buses are wheelchair accessible. See the timetable and route here; <http://lothianbuses.com/timetables-and-maps/timetables/2>
- The nearest train stations are Edinburgh Haymarket and Edinburgh Waverley. For level access routes, we recommend you travel to Dance Base from Edinburgh Waverley. Here you can find a short video that details a level access route from Edinburgh Waverley to Dance Base (this video is audio described and BSL interpreted):
<http://www.dancebase.co.uk/about/level-access-routes-to-dance-base-442>
- The nearest parking to Dance Base is on Kings Stables Road (approximately a 2 minute walk). There is also a blue badge space on this road.
- You can find a 360--degree tour of the building on our website: <http://www.dancebase.co.uk/hires/virtual-tour-137>
- There is a lift to reception at ground level.



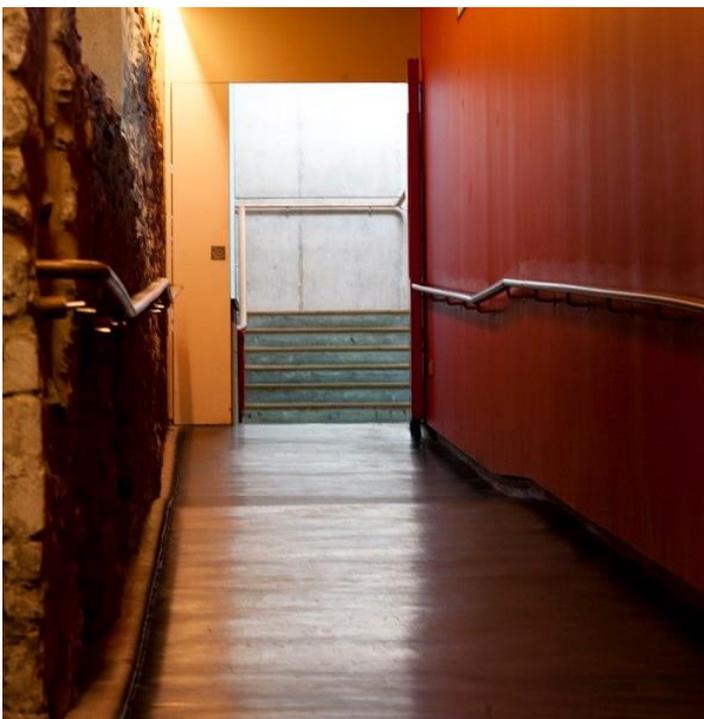
- The main door to reception opens automatically when a button on the right hand side is pressed.



- There is an accessible toilet opposite reception.
- The reception desk is in front of the main door; it is low down and open, with no glass.
- Reception staff will be able to offer you a hearing loop for use in our studios.
- There are tables, sofas and chairs around the reception foyer which you are welcome to use.
- Dance Base merchandise is for sale in the foyer, including t-shirts and hoodies, which staff can assist you in reaching.
- The flooring in reception and one of our accessible toilets is black vinyl. The other accessible toilet is tiled and our studios have either wooden (Studios 1 and 3) or vinyl flooring (Studios 2 and 4).



- The lift outside reception provides access to Studio 2 with a key, ask at reception and a member of staff will assist you.
- There is another lift for access to Studios 3 and 4 at the top of a gradually inclining ramp. This lift does not require a key.



There are two accessible toilets in Dance Base, one is opposite reception and the other is located at the top of a slightly inclining ramp (pictured here)



Accessible toilet opposite reception



Lift to studios 3 and 4

Additional information:

- We welcome assistance dogs and have water bowls which we can provide.
- Our front-of-house and reception staff have all received Equalities training and are in the process of continuing Accessibility training.
- Various power points in the building can be used to charge mobility scooters and other assistance equipment (availability permitting).
- Duty managers are First Aid trained. Please ask if you require assistance.

Future plans:

Our equalities team meets on a regular basis to discuss and act upon ideas to make our building more inclusive. In the next year, we will be painting the building in high contrast colours, creating a venue map, participating in Disabled Access Day 2016 and as well as working on improving internal signage. We're always open to suggestions and ideas from the people for whom these changes will benefit, so if you have any ideas or questions for us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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