

Facilities for the Disabled Audit Dec 2007

Herdman Building (& annexe)

1. There are 4 Access for the Disabled parking spaces at the front of the Herdman (1) and POL (3) Buildings. Wheelchair access to the raised pavement is immediately in front of where the two buildings meet (glass fronted area) and the wheelchair ramp into the Herdman building is within this glass fronted area.
2. The wheelchair ramp access (7⁰) to the Herdman Building is via the adjacent NOC fire exit to the left of the front of the building. Enter the NOC reception or ring 01517954800 to be let in.
3. The first door(s) at the end of the ramp into the Herdman Building has a closer and is 820mm wide – a subsidiary opening door without a closer will widen this to 1200mm if needed.
4. The door at the end of the corridor into the Herdman foyer is 925mm.
5. In the back left corner of the foyer are double doors with closers, 1150mm wide.
6. Through these double doors is a ramp down (6-7⁰) to the lift giving access to all floors.
7. Ramp and all other floors on annexe stairs are surfaced with rubber tiles with 24mm bobbles which will cause wheelchairs to vibrate.
8. Lift doors are 800mm wide.
9. Wheelchairs will need to rotate 90⁰ to exit through doors to floors leading to old building at front. Floors to annexe are all via door of entry at ground floor.
10. Herdman Lecture Theatre on old building first floor is only accessible via two flights of steps (one of 2 steps and one of 3 steps) and is therefore not accessible by wheelchairs.
11. The Herdman Lecture Theatre is equipped with **Stethoset Receivers** for DVD/Video material via computer. A radio mike for the Speaker is also available for the speaker. If you wish to use the Stethoset Receivers these can be obtained from Chris Hunt in G.01 (off the main foyer), ring 45152 /47545 or email scfc@liv.ac.uk . For use of the radio mike the speaker must be contacted in advance and their cooperation obtained. Chris Hunt will provide the radio mike and instruction in its use to the speaker if required.
12. Academic staff rooms are all accessed from the lift stairwell via double doors with closers 1440mm wide. Width of individual doors to staff rooms are variable and too numerous to list and space within rooms is extremely variable – individual members of staff should be consulted.
13. All admin offices off Herdman foyer have door opening of 900mm. Some of these, as fire doors, have Dorgard retainers.
14. Access to Nicholson Building from Herdman Building (and vice versa) is via Fire Exit Doors (double doors each 790mm with closers) by lift. There is an immediate short steep slope of 12⁰ on exiting these doors. This route is paved but uneven and has a narrow drainage channel to subsurface drainage and a broader surficial drainage channel and three grids. Rear double doors to Nicholson and internal double doors to foyer are each 690mm with closers.
15. Access to main Teaching Laboratories (Pitcher & Bathurst) is via lift – 2nd floor old building. There are double Fire Doors, each 580mm, with closers at

the end of the corridor from the lift. Double doors, each 750mm with closers into each Laboratory.

16. Access to Undergraduate Computing Laboratory (Gilbert) is via lift – 3rd floor old building. There are double Fire Doors with strong closers and a total opening of only 950mm. A second set of double Fire Doors with closers have total opening of 1200mm. There are double doors to the Laboratory, each 720mm with closers.
17. Most routes from old building to annexe and vice versa involve stairs – therefore anyone with mobility problems should return to the lift to access the appropriate floors.
18. There is not a toilet with Access for the Disabled in the Herdman Building. The toilet in the Nicholson Building is most accessible. If this is out of use contact Chris Hunt, as above, for advice on how to access the facilities in the adjacent NOC building.

Nicholson Building

1. Approach to Nicholson main front entrance has wheelchair ramp (7⁰) around raised flower beds to bypass flight of steps.
2. Nicholson main front double doors are each 710mm with closers.
3. Inner front door to foyer has main door of 890mm with subsidiary door of 580mm, both with closers.
4. Right off the foyer is the Nicholson Lecture Theatre. Main doors to the NLT are 925mm with a subsidiary door of 520mm, both with closers. There are 2 sets of these double doors closely spaced and unaccompanied wheelchair users may find these difficult to negotiate. In the rear right corner of the NLT is a Fire Exit (with push bar opener), 880mm wide which can be used for wheelchair access. The rear right area of the top level is the location for wheelchairs – plenty of space with free access to desk top, 2100mm wide.
5. There is a disabled access toilet off the Nicholson foyer.
6. Inside the rear Nicholson entrance, off the foyer, is the lift access. The door opening for the lift is only 695mm which is probably going to be too narrow for the majority of wheelchairs. Access to all other areas is via stairs only – contact Chris Hunt, as above for advice.

Hunter Suite

1. Both front doors are only accessible via steps therefore there is no wheelchair access for normal use.
2. Rear emergency doors to the Hunter may be used for wheelchair access in exceptional circumstances- contact Chris Hunt, as above, to arrange.

General

1. Anyone with mobility problems MUST contact Chris Hunt, as above, to arrange a Personal Evacuation Plan.

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