

Accessibility at the Land Skills Fair

The **Land Skills Fair** organisers are committed to making the event as inclusive, welcoming and accessible as possible for everyone – including d/Deaf, disabled, neurodivergent and chronically ill attendees, contributors, performers, staff and volunteers.

Accessibility is an ongoing conversation which we are ready to have, and we understand that no space is ever fully accessible for everyone. We are committed to doing better and learning as and when feedback is brought to us in whatever way feels easiest for you. As a grassroots event rooted in collective care, food justice and landworker sovereignty, we recognise that dignity and inclusion are essential to our work.

What We're Putting in Place

Access & Welfare Volunteers

There will be a dedicated team of **Accessibility and Welfare volunteers** available throughout the event to support anyone with access needs. This team can offer:

- Information about site layout and facilities
- Navigation assistance
- A listening ear and help with any concerns

Wellbeing & Chill-Out Space

A quiet, cool **Wellbeing Tent** will be available on site with water, space to decompress, and calm surroundings for anyone who needs a break from the busyness of the fair.

Access-First Planning

Our volunteer coordinator has worked closely with volunteers, contributors and performers who have access needs throughout the organising process. We've shaped communications to individual access requirements, ensured capacity is respected, and aimed to create a workable, welcoming environment from the ground up.

We know this work is ongoing. We deeply appreciate when people share their experiences and help us be accountable. We also recognise the burden that falls on disabled people to advocate for change, and we are committed to listening, learning, and acting without expecting unpaid emotional labour.

Site Accessibility Information

Walking Distances Across Site

Distances are approximate and depend on your walking speed.

- **Entrance to Accreditation Tent:**
~200 steps
- **Accreditation Tent to Live-In Vehicles / Accessible Parking:**
~400 steps
- **Live-In Vehicles / Accessible Parking to Camping Area Near Bridge to Main Arena:**
~550 steps
- **Camping Near the Bridge to Additional Camping Space:**
~65 steps
- **Water Tap at `///evolves.original.epidemics` to Main Entrance:**
~100 steps

Note: The path narrows to a small bridge approximately 1.2 metres wide.

What3Words Locations & Facilities

Accessible Camping

When you arrive, you can drive your non-live-in vehicle down to where you are camping, drop your things off and then drive your vehicle back to the General Parking Area where you came in.

- The Accessible Camping is located by the water tap at

`///evolves.original.epidemics`

An Accessible Toilet is available right by Accessible Camping.

Compost Toilets

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///donation.placidly.cheering also next to the showers.

Please be aware: If you are camping nearby, you may experience a smell from the toilets, which will become stronger once the fair begins. There are 4 steps up to access the toilets. More accessible toilets will be available on site.

AccessibleToilets

Accessible Toilet in Main Arena ///revival.merge.hoped

Also a water tap next to it

Accessible Toilet next to Accessible Camping

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Wellbeing Tent

There is a chill out area. It is a large tipi next to the Kids Play Area. There are also compost toilets located next to it. The bar and acoustic stage are close by. If you need somewhere else for quiet low stimulation space ask a steward in a high Vis tabard.

Also a water tap located on the other side of the field at
///alleyway.flaking.exposing

Water Stations

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Features two taps accessed via a 6-inch high wooden pallet step.

Tap 1: Approx. 1 meter height

Tap 2: Approx 2 meter height

///generated.outwards.paintings (next to compost toilets)

///nibbled.regard.roughest (in the carpark where you arrive)

///stirs.width.crate (next to Two Trees Catering by the accessible toilet in the main arena)

///donation.placidly.cheering next to showers and toilets.

Please:

- Only take what you need
- Don't leave the tap running
- Keep usage brief if others are waiting
- Be careful stepping on the pallet, as there is no bracing handle bar available

Mobility / Wheelchair Access

- The main site is across fields and is navigable by off-road wheelchairs.
- In wet weather, paths may become muddy or slippery.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to provide hardstanding pathways or trackway due to budget and site limitations.
- A **charging point for mobility devices** is available at the **ReSource Power Station** (the big red fire engine with solar panels). This is not a service available for charging personal devices, unless you require this for Access Reasons, or you are staff.

Camping

- **Quiet Camping** is available near the entrance, away from the main music area and without children.
- This area is close to the main arenas via a flat, step-free route and has a smooth, root-free path suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.
- Let us know in advance if you would benefit from camping in this area.

Toilets & Showers

- A **disabled-access toilet** is available near the camping field.
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide accessible showers this year due to limitations of our off-grid, solar-powered infrastructure and venue constraints.

Carers & Personal Assistants

- We offer **free tickets for carers or personal assistants**.
 - Please contact jyoti.fernandes@landworkersalliance.org.uk with proof of disability or access needs.
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Communication & Presentation Access

Talks & Presentations

- All speakers will be reminded to:
 - Speak slowly and clearly
 - Use microphones
 - Repeat any questions from the audience aloud
- **Reserved seating** will be available at all talks for those with mobility, sensory, or other access needs. Volunteers and stage managers will help ensure this seating is respected.

Visual Signage & Water Points

- Clear signage will be used to mark all **water points**.
 - These will be visible from a distance and water will also be available in the Wellbeing Tent.
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Other Important Info

Food Accessibility

- We are doing our best to keep food both nourishing and affordable.
- Most meals will cost between **£7.50–£10**.

- If you need further support with affordable food, please contact Jyoti.

Amplified Sound & Quiet Camping

- Amplified music will run until **1am on Friday and Saturday**.
 - After that, only acoustic music and singing will take place.
 - Quiet Camping is the furthest site from the music areas and is available for those who prefer reduced noise and a child-free zone.
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We Welcome Your Feedback

We invite feedback before, during and after the fair. Your experiences and perspectives help us grow and improve. If you have access needs, suggestions, or concerns — or just want to open a conversation — please get in touch with us at [\[landskillsfair@landworkersalliance.co.uk\]](mailto:landskillsfair@landworkersalliance.co.uk).

Acknowledgement & Commitment

As part of the **Landworkers' Alliance**, we stand for **dignity, equity and justice** for all landworkers and food growers. This work includes challenging ableism and structural barriers within our own spaces. We recognise that accessibility is not a fixed goal but a continual practice, and is one that must centre lived experience, mutual respect, and the redistribution of care.

We're not perfect, and we won't get everything right. But we are committed to doing the work, hearing hard truths, and building a fairer future together in our fields, our kitchens, and our gathering spaces.

Directions to Crops Not Shops

Google Maps Link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/idaXBmtNiWEDKPb79>

What3Words Information:

<https://what3words.com/////templates.brink.added>

or

Location Coordinates:

51°08'07.5"N 2°47'29.1"W

Rideshare and Transport Support

If you are an attendee with Access Needs, and need support getting on to the site from Bridgewater Train Station (the closest train station to Crops Not Shops), please contact Gigi on Georgina.daniels@landworkersalliance.org.uk for more information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this document, and enjoy the Land Skills Fair 2025!