

Bridge the Gap 2014 — Guidance for Participants Requiring Level Access

This level-access route is meant to accommodate Bridge the Gap participants using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs by providing accessible, pleasant alternatives to the primary route as necessary. Throughout the City and the Colleges, there are areas of old York stone paving and uneven cobbles, and we apologise that the primary route is not always fully accessible. The route alternatives and guidance notes below are given by University employees with the aim of providing an accurate picture of the route's accessibility and encouraging participation. We hope you find them useful, and we hope you enjoy Bridge the Gap!

- 1) Participants using mobility scooters are reminded that the route is 5 miles. While most batteries will accommodate a journey of this length, participants are asked to ensure that they have sufficient battery to complete the walk.
- 2) The route narrows at the top of Portugal Place as it meets Bridge Street- it is worth taking note of this when beginning the route. There will be a steward on hand.
- 3) The route through **St. John's College** has cobblestones in Third Court. Please contact a steward if you require assistance.
- 4) The path between **St. John's** and **Trinity Colleges** passes over a narrow stone cut-out. A steward will be available to help as required.
- 5) After leaving **Trinity College** on to Garret Hostel Lane the road is uneven and slanted. There is a narrow door and step at Neville's Gate into the Great Court. However the gate will be opened on the day so access should not be a problem. A steward will be on hand to assist. If you would prefer, an alternative route takes you up Trinity Lane to rejoin the group on Trinity Street.
- 6) The approach to the backs by the river in **King's College** crosses a gravel path; wheelchair users are encouraged to cross the path instead. A steward will be on hand to guide.
- 7) **King's College** bridge from the river path is quite steep, with a banded mixture of pavement and cobbles; you may wish to ask a steward for assistance on the incline.
- 8) The primary route across **Queens' Green** goes down a shallow gravel path. This route is passable, but may be tiring for wheelchair users. An alternative level access route is via pavement along Queen's Road. Please ask a steward for advice.
- 9) The pavements along Silver Street are narrow, with a steep camber that will be challenging particularly for manual wheelchair users. Participants using manual wheelchairs may choose to use the street instead; in this case, we ask that extreme caution be taken to avoid accident. Please ask a steward for assistance as required.

- 10) There is an alternative route into **St Catharine's College**- please seek advice from a steward. Please also take caution when entering the College as there may be scaffolding up.
- 11) There are some steps in to **Corpus Christi College** or there is an alternative route in to the College through the Golden Gate. There will be a steward on hand to assist.
- 12) The route through **Emmanuel College** accesses a shallow gravel path around a large, grassy paddock. Wheelchair users may find it easier to take the shortcut directly across the grass.
- 13) There are steps into **Sidney Sussex College** and a narrow wooden doorway. An alternative entrance to the College's Chapel Court is in place. Please seek advice from a Steward.
- 14) There are a series of steps for the exit to **Sidney Sussex College**. An alternative exit through the gate in Cloister Court is in place. Please speak to a steward for guidance.
- 15) At **Jesus College**, please use the entrance to the Fellows' Garden (to the left of the main entrance). You will be able to cut across the Fellows' Garden along a path, then turn right to rejoin the route in First Court. The path is somewhat steep and a steward will be available to assist as required.

On the day of the event, please ask a volunteer route steward or a College porter if you have any problems, or call University of Cambridge event staff on 07824 835225. In advance of the event, please contact the University of Cambridge Public Engagement team at ellen.thornton@admin.cam.ac.uk or 01223 339666 for further details.

Thank you for joining us – we hope you have a wonderful day.