

Dudley People's Panel on Thriving Town Centres: Extra Information Sheet

Making the event accessible for all

How accessible are the venues?

The rooms that we will be using (the event rooms and catering spaces) are step free and wheelchair accessible. There are blue badge parking spaces.

The event rooms have a hearing loop. There is plenty of space so the acoustics should be fine.

What food and drink do you provide? Can you cater for dietary and religious requirements?

We'll provide lunch and plenty of refreshments throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday of both weekends. We can cater for different dietary requirements as long as we know in advance. If you want to bring your own refreshments, you are also welcome to.

If you have not yet told us about a dietary requirement, please let us know as soon as possible so we can tell the caterers.

Will materials be available in Braille or large print or a different language? Will it be a problem that I'm deaf or dyslexic or have other needs?

We will do our best to meet whatever access needs you have and will confirm as soon as possible whether we are able to meet them. If you are a confirmed participant and have not yet told us about any access requirements you have, please let us know as soon as possible so we can discuss what you will need.

Is there somewhere I can pray?

If we have not broken for lunch during midday prayers, you can leave the event for a short time. Please let us know if you would like a quiet room for prayers so we can ensure a room is available for you, and so we know you will be briefly leaving the event.

Can I bring my children, partner or other family member or a friend with me?

The event will require your full attention whilst it is running and friends, family or guests cannot attend, unless absolutely necessary, for example your carer.

If you are bringing a carer with you because you would otherwise be unable to attend, we will cover the costs of their attendance. **You must let us know beforehand if this will be the case.**

If you are responsible for caring for children or any other person, please let us know so that we can see what arrangements we can put in place to enable your participation, for example paying for childcare.

What else do I need to bring? What should I wear?

Apart from whatever you would normally take for a day away, please just bring an open mind and a willingness to listen, engage and discuss! You can wear whatever you feel comfortable in - casual clothes are absolutely fine.

Any further questions?

Please contact Tom at the Sortition Foundation with any questions you have about the above or any other aspects of the event

email: tom@sortitionfoundation.org

or phone: **0800 009 6486** and ask for Tom to call you back