

Cambridge Museum of Technology

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1156685

Access Policy Statement

1. Statement of Policy

Cambridge Museum of Technology is committed to maximising access for everyone, regardless of ability, age, gender, cultural or social background, sexual orientation, faith, language, location or wealth, by minimising, removing or overcoming barriers that can prevent people from engaging with our buildings, collections, website, social media channels and staff.

2. Aims and Objectives

It is our aim to:

- ensure the Museum meets its obligations under the Equality Act (2010) by doing everything reasonably possible to make the museum accessible to the widest range of people
- build accessibility into everything that we do to develop and improve our services. This commitment is long term and our aim is to make continuous improvements as our resources and buildings permit.

3. Access to Site and Collections

3.1 The Museum is committed to maximising access by considering the following

- Physical accessibility – the ability of people with physical disabilities to reach and appreciate every part of the museum. The needs of the elderly and of people caring for young children are considered as physical access issues.
- Sensory accessibility – whether those with impaired vision or hearing can enjoy and appreciate the museum's building, exhibitions and collection
- Intellectual access – whether people with learning disabilities and special educational needs can engage with and enjoy the museum and its exhibitions. We also recognise that people have different learning modes and will provide interpretation in a range of learning styles, encompassing our on-site interpretation, educational resources, website and social media presence.
- Cultural access – the needs of people for whom English is not a first language, or whose background knowledge of English history and culture may be limited.
- Emotional and attitudinal access – whether the museum environment and the museum staff are welcoming to visitors from all sections of the community.

- Financial – whether the museum’s admission prices and stock are maintained at an affordable level, providing a range of ticket prices where possible.

3.2 We will pay due regard to intergenerational equality. The rights of future generations to enjoy access to our present collection are safeguarded by high standards of collection care and where necessary by restrictions on handling, or exposure to light, moisture or other harmful environmental conditions.

3.3 The museum is open to the public on Sundays and Mondays. We will open at other times on request if resources permit.

4. Reviewing the policy

We will review the access policy regularly to ensure it is in line with national guidelines and standards. We will actively seek input from local and regional access groups and feedback from our visitors to ensure we are embedding good access into all our museum activities.

5. Approval

Date of approval: 7th October 2020

6. Review

Review date: October 2022

7. Document History

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