

Liberty Festival



Easy Read Guide

A FREE festival celebrating the
work of disabled artists



Wandsworth, 24-29th September

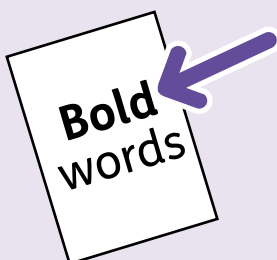
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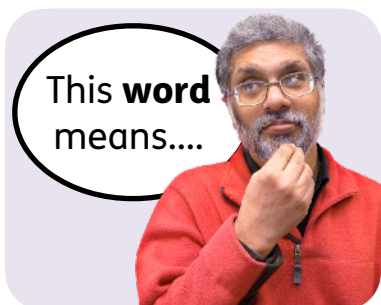
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This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About this booklet

The logo for Liberty Festival, featuring the text "Liberty Festival" in white on a black rectangular background, which is centered within a larger white rounded rectangle with a black border.

Liberty Festival

This Easy Read Guide is for people coming to Liberty Festival 2025 in Wandsworth.



Liberty Festival is the Mayor of London's festival for D/deaf, disabled and **neurodivergent** artists.



Neurodivergent means your brain works in a different way from most people. You may be autistic or have a mental health condition.



The guide contains information and pictures to help you plan your visit to the festival.

About the festival



Liberty Festival is free.



Everyone is welcome at Liberty Festival.



Some events need to be booked. You can book online on the website:

<https://welcometowandsworth.com/events/Bm-liberty-2025/>



You can also book by phone, by calling the venue where the event you want to go to is happening.

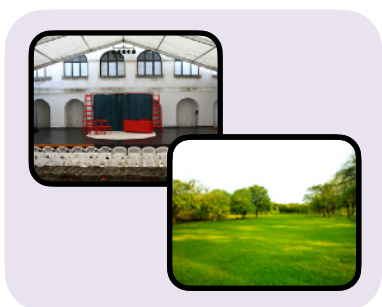


There are lots of different types of art at the festival, like music, dance, theatre, art you can look at, workshops and more.

More about the festival



The festival is being **documented**. This means people will be taking photos and videos.



Some events are indoors, and some are outside.



If it is sunny, you might need a hat, sunglasses and sun cream.



If it rains, you will need a waterproof coat and maybe an umbrella.



There will be places around the festival area selling food and drinks.

When and where



Liberty Festival is happening from Wednesday 24 September to Monday 29th September 2025.



The festival takes place in many places across Wandsworth.



The main place the festival is happening is:

Battersea Arts Centre
Lavender Hill
London
SW11 5TN



This is where most of the events will happen.

More places

The other places where events will happen are:



The Clapham Grand
21-25 St John's Hill
London
SW11 1TT



Tara Theatre
356 Garratt Lane
London
SW18 4ES



World Heart Beat
3 Ponton Rd
Nine Elms
London
SW11 7BD



The Bedford
77 Bedford Hill
London
SW12 9HD



Battersea Park
SW11 4NJ

Getting to Liberty Festival



Battersea Arts Centre is a 7-minute walk from Clapham Junction station.



There are trains from Waterloo and Victoria, and from East London on the Overground route.



Clapham Junction has good wheelchair access.



There is no parking at Battersea Arts Centre.



You can find more information about getting to Battersea Arts Centre here:

bac.org.uk/find-us

Getting to other venues



The Clapham Grand is directly opposite Clapham Junction Station.



Lots of buses go to the Clapham Grand.



You can find out more about how to get to the Clapham Grand on the website:

claphamgrand.com/getting-here



Tara Theatre is only 10 minutes by train from Waterloo Station.



You can find out more about how to get to Tara Theatre on the website:

taratheatre.com/visit

Getting to other venues



There are lots of buses and trains that go near World Heart Beat.



It is difficult to park near World Heart Beat.



You can find out more about how to get to World Heart Beat on the website:

worldheartbeat.org/locations-directions



The Bedford is about a 3 minute walk from Balham Station.



There is paid parking near the Bedford.

Getting to other venues



The nearest train stations to Battersea Park are Queenstown Road Train Station or Battersea Park Train Station.



It is about a 10 minute walk to Rosary Gate entrance from both of them.



The nearest tube stations are Sloane Square, Victoria or Pimlico.



There are three car parks in Battersea Park, at:

- Chelsea Gate
- Rosery Gate
- Albert Bridge Gate.



You have to pay to use any of these car parks.

Access information



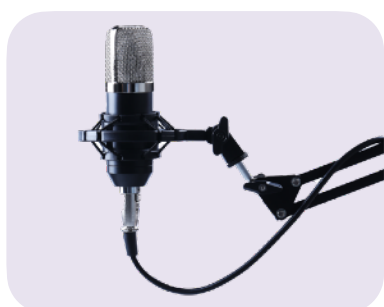
There will be a quiet chill-out area at Battersea Arts Centre, where you can go to take a break, rest and relax.



Every indoor venue has accessible toilets. Outdoor events will have an accessible Mobiloo.



All the artworks and some of the events at Liberty Festival will have **audio descriptions** for people who cannot see.



An **audio description** is where someone talks about what is in the artwork or event.



Performances and workshops will be British Sign Language (BSL) interpreted, and some have **captions** for people who cannot hear.

Captions are where the words people are saying are shown on a screen.

More access information



All events and performances will be **Relaxed**. This means you can leave and re-enter, **tic** and move as you please.

A **tic** is where your body makes movements and you cannot stop it.



There will also be a welcome point in the entrance of each of the festival venues, where you can talk about access and get access support.

You can read more access information for each venue on their websites:



Battersea Arts Centre:

bac.org.uk/access



The Clapham Grand:

claphamgrand.com/accessibility

More access information

You can find access information for the other venues on their websites:



Tara Theatre:

taratheatre.com/visit



World Heart Beat:

tinyurl.com/mr38z2xw



The Bedford:

tinyurl.com/23x264na



Battersea Park:

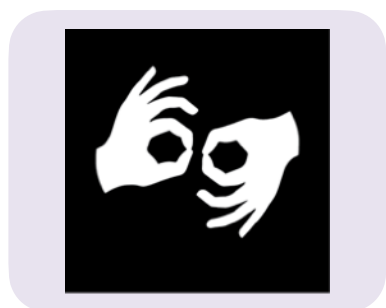
enablelc.org/parks/battersea-park

Access information for events

Each event will have 1 or more symbols to tell you about the access information:



This is the symbol for Audio Description



This is the symbol for British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation.



This is the symbol for captions.



This is the symbol for Relaxed Performance.

Sensory adjustments have not been made.



This is the symbol for Touch Tours, which will allow you to touch the set of an event or artworks.

The festival events



The next pages will tell you about the different events.



They will tell you a bit about what will happen at the events.



They will tell you when and where the events will be.



They will also give you warnings of anything in the event that might cause problems for people watching.

Event 1



What: **Liberty Festival 2025 Opening Party** by Migitte Bardot and Friends, and Sound Minds.



When: Wednesday 24 September, from 7:00pm to 10:30pm.



Where: The Clapham Grand.



This is a party to celebrate the start of the festival. Everyone is welcome to join us for a dance, and come and go as they like.



Warnings: There will be smoke and loud noises. The artists will talk about problems with mental health.

Event 2



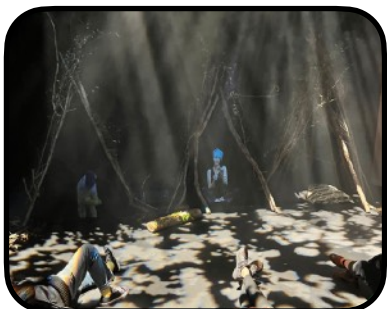
What: **Capturing the Forest** by Kristina Veasey and Alejandro Ahmed.



When: Thursday 25 September to Sunday 28th September.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, Members Bar & New Committee Room.



This event is about what it feels like to be in a forest, and if you can get the same feeling without being in a forest.



Warnings: There will be light smoke and some smells.

Event 3



What: **When the World Turns** by Oily Cart and Polyglot Theatre.



When: Thursday 25 September at 11:00am and 2:00pm



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, Lower Hall Suite.



This is a show specially for small groups of young people with lots of disabilities, about their place in the world around them.



Warnings: It uses lights, smells and music, and sometimes loud noises.

Event 4



What: **GOBLIN** by Jack Wakely and Silent Faces.



When: Thursday 25 September, at 7.30pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, Council Chamber.



This is a play about trying to fit in.



Warnings: There will be smoke, and the actors will be eating and drinking.

Event 5



What: **ELVIS DIED OF BURGERS** by BLINK Dance Theatre.



When: Thursday 25 September at 8.30pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, Council Chamber.

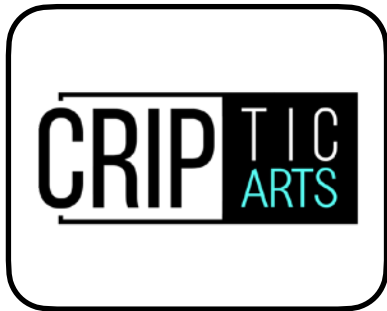


This is a show where people talk about food, eating too much and death.



Warnings: There will be loud noises, smoke, fire and flashing lights. The actors might use words that might make people upset.

Event 6



What: **Past, Present, Future, ACTION!** by CRIPtic Arts.



When: Friday 26 September,
11:00am-5:00pm



Where: Tara Theatre

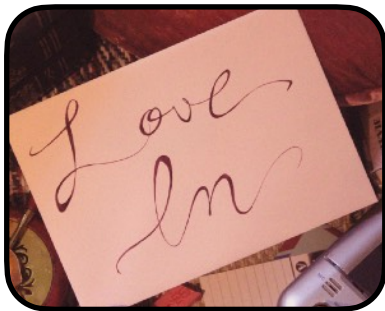


There will be sessions and activities for artists and people who support them to talk to each other and learn more about making art that includes everyone.



This event is for adults over the age of 18.

Event 7



What: **Love In** by Amanda Grace.



When: Friday 26th and Saturday 27th September, at 12:00pm to 6:00pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, Cafe.



An artist called the Lover will write you a love letter about what you tell them.



It will take about 25 minutes to write the letter, and you will be able to take the letter away with you.

Event 8



What: **SADBOI** by Simeon Campbell.



When: Friday, 26 September, at 7:30pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre.

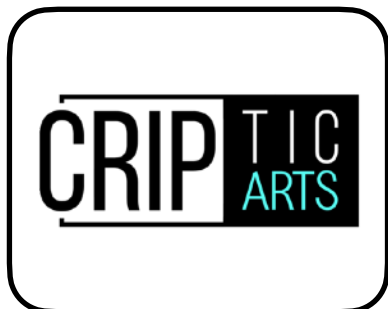


This is a story about a neurodivergent person and their mental health, told through dance. It is a story about hope.



Warnings: There will be smoke, flashing lights and loud music. Cigarettes and electric cigarettes will also be used.

Event 9



What: **PechaKucha and Open Mic** by CRIPtic Arts.



When: Saturday 27 September, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.



Where: The Bedford.



From 12:00pm to 1:30pm there will be a chance for anyone to talk about disability art, or give a type of presentation called a **PechaKucha**, for about 5 minutes.



From 1:30pm–3:00pm, disabled artists from around Wandsworth and London can use the microphone to share their poetry, music, spoken word, or comedy.

Event 10



What: **The Lost Golden Lotus** by Chisato Minamimura.



When: Saturday 27 September.



Where: Tara Theatre.



This is a show where people talk about the Chinese tradition of **footbinding** as an example of how beauty and pain can sometimes go together.

Footbinding was a tradition where girl's feet were tied up to make them very small and a certain shape.



Warnings: There will be strong smells, and you will be given food and drink.

Event 11



What: **Altar to Joy** by AJ Venturini.



When: Saturday 27 September, from 3:00pm to 5.30pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, New Committee Room.



This is a workshop where you will help make offerings for an **altar**, which is a special decorated table.



Warnings: There might be some talking about **mental health**.

Mental health is the way you think, feel and behave.

Event 12



What: **Disco Neurotico and Deaf Rave TakeOver** by Disco Neurotico and Deaf Rave.



When: Saturday 27th September, at 7:00pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre.



This is a disco party, with different activities in different rooms, including a space for peace and quiet.



Warnings: There will be loud noise and smoke. There will not be flashing lights.

Event 13



What: **Hexagram** by Adrian Lee.



When: Saturday 27 September, at 7.30pm.



Where: World Heart Beat.



This is an electric guitar concert of different types of music.

Event 14



What: **Life of I** by the Baked Bean Charity.



When: Sunday 28 September,
2.30pm at Tara Theatre.



Where: Tara Theatre.



This is a show by people with a learning disability. They want you to think about what makes people different.



Warnings: There will be smoke and swearing. The actors will talk about difficult topics like abuse, and use words that might make people upset.

Event 15



What: **Daughters of the Sea** by Krystal S. Lowe and Ballet Cymru.



When: Sunday 28 September,
3:00pm.



Where: Battersea Arts Centre, Council Chamber.

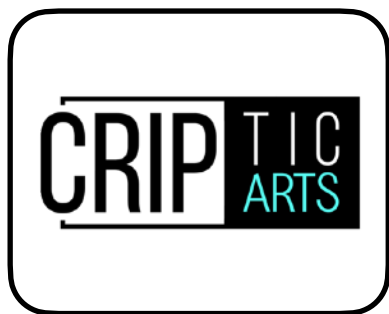


This event uses dance, speaking and music to tell a story about 3 women going on a journey.



The journey ends with them fighting for the freedom to make their own choices.

Event 16



What: **Liberty Celebration Picnic** by CRIPtic Arts.



When: Sunday 28 September.



Where: Battersea Park.



Join us for a joyful picnic to celebrate the end of Liberty Festival 2025! Expect good vibes, great company, and surprise performances. Pack your blanket, bring your friends and family! There will be more information on our website nearer the time.



Warnings: This event will be outdoors, so please check the weather first. You might need suncream or an umbrella!

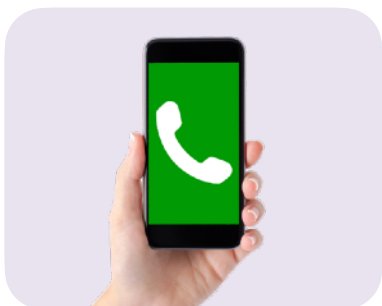
Find out more



You can look at our website here:

welcometowandsworth.com/events/Bm-liberty-2025

You can contact us by:



- Phone: check individual events for the right phone number.



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