

ACCESS INFORMATION

PROCESSIONS BELFAST - 10th June 2018

Thank you for taking part in PROCESSIONS! We are delighted to have you with us to celebrate this historic moment.

Artichoke is aware that some participants may require additional support to take part in the event and we have endeavoured to ensure that all participants are empowered to take part in PROCESSIONS on an equal basis.

Artichoke takes accessibility and safety for all participants very seriously, regardless of their special access needs. We understand people have a variety of accessibility requirements and we encourage you to communicate them to us so we can help you as best we can to enjoy your day at PROCESSIONS.

If you have not already done so, please register your attendance by visiting www.processions.co.uk

We have spent time carefully planning this event, liaising with multiple agencies across Belfast to ensure that you and your group are kept safe and together on the day, and that it is an enjoyable experience for all.

Please read through this document carefully to help you plan your day.

If, after reading this document and assessing your own requirements, you feel that you would be better suited walking a shorter route on the day, **please ensure you have registered by visiting www.processions.co.uk and telling us about your access requirements.** We will then email you details about our special access point which will enable you to do a shorter route.

This area is encouraged for individuals and groups who have limited mobility and for those who require a safe space in order to attend PROCESSIONS. However, this space is also limited so we would ask you to consider your access needs before deciding whether to use this starting point.

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1.1 YOUR JOURNEY TO THE EVENT

Route location and timing information:

STARTING POINT	ROUTE END POINT	ASSEMBLY TIME	APPROX STARTING TIME
Titanic Slipways Belfast, BT3 9EP	Belfast City Hall, BT1 5GS	12:15 – 13:30	14:00

Distances:

This route is for anyone who is able to walk the full length of the PROCESSION.

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Distance from the starting point (Titanic Slipways Belfast) to the route end point (Belfast City Hall):
1.1 mile / 1770m.

Please note that PROCESSIONS is taking place on roads in the city centre. We believe the route to be step free, but please be aware that the terrain may be uneven at times. We will be walking at a manageable, slow pace.

Accessible Public Transport Information:

Participants are encouraged to get to the starting point using public transport wherever possible. Due to the nature of the event and the need to close roads for PROCESSIONS to take place, there will be diversions in place and additional congestion around in the city centre. Please visit [Translink](#) or [Belfast Access Guide](#) for information about accessible transport links to the Titanic Quarter.

Titanic Quarter train station is 15 minutes' walk from the starting point (Titanic Slipways). [Click here for access provision](#) information about Titanic Quarter train station.

Accessible Parking:

There are accessible car parking spaces available at Titanic Belfast.

Car parking signage within Titanic Quarter will provide details about car parking availability. These signs are highly visible on approach roads & locally on Queens Road. The Titanic Quarter is easily accessed via both the Sydenham Bypass and the M3, just follow signs for the Odyssey Arena.

1.2 WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Waiting Times:

Due to the nature of the event we cannot give estimated wait times as it will depend on the amount of people taking part on the day. Your waiting times are also dependent on what time you choose to arrive. It is likely that there will be extended wait times throughout the assembly and PROCESSION.

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Though we will do our best to keep these to a minimum, we highly recommend that, if you have limited mobility or find it difficult to stand for long periods of time, you bring some temporary fold-away seating with you. Please use these in safe areas only, within the form up areas and off the route of the PROCESSION.

Refreshments:

You will be free to come and go on the day from the assembly point, and during the PROCESSION also.

There will be concessions stands providing tea and coffee at starting point (Titanic Slipways) and at the end of the route there are a number of shops and cafés just beyond the finish point (Belfast City Hall).

There will be no barriers along the route, if you would like to stop for refreshments you can do so at any time by stepping out of the PROCESSION. Please alert a steward or volunteer if you require assistance.

Toilets:

Accessible toilets will be provided at the following locations: the starting point (Titanic Slipways), at the accessible starting point (Custom House Square), and at the end point (Belfast City Hall). Toilets will be sign posted.

These toilets will be stewarded so please present yourself as a participant who requires special access to use these facilities.

1.3 DURING THE PROCESSION

What to Expect:

When you arrive, you'll be directed to the assembly area at Titanic Slipways, where you will be given a green, white or violet shawl to put on.

You will be marshalled into three lines of colour with your group and other participants before moving off to start the PROCESSION.

Please be aware that as PROCESSIONS is a mass participation event and is likely to be crowded and noisy.

We will be walking at a manageable, slow pace.

There will be no barriers along the route, though some parts of the arrival point will be enclosed by barriers. If you are feeling unwell or would like to stop walking, you can step out of the PROCESSION and re-join it at any time.

Please alert a steward or volunteer if you require any assistance.

1.4 GETTING HOME

There is no rally at the end of PROCESSIONS.

Accessible Public Transport Information:

Stewards and volunteers will be on hand to direct you to the nearest accessible transport links for you to get home.

Great Victoria Street station (step-free) is a 15 minute walk from the end point (Belfast City Hall). Accessible bus and taxi services are available from this station.

Central Railway station (step-free) is a 20 minute walk from the end point (Belfast City Hall). Accessible bus and taxi services are available from this station.