

Welcome to Northern Ballet's access statement. We hope that you find this information helpful and would welcome any feedback; including suggestions for any other information you think could be usefully included.

For more details about access and our facilities please call 0113 220 8000 or email info@northernballet.com.

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Introduction

Northern Ballet is located on Quarry Hill in central Leeds in the thriving cultural quarter. Local amenities such as the train station, bus station and shopping area of Briggate are accessible by foot or bus. Close to Northern Ballet you will find good access to parking.

Inside this 6-storey, purpose-built building you will find the Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre, seven dance studios, a café with a range of food choices and a variety of meeting room spaces. When you arrive, our welcoming reception staff will be able to direct you around the building. Each floor can be reached by an accessible lift, accessible toilets are available throughout and there is a hearing loop in place in the foyer and theatre.



The theatre offers a mix of family friendly, dance and theatre performances. There are discounts available for disabled people, with no charge for a companion ticket. Please ask the reception team for information on upcoming relaxed performances.

Northern Ballet holds a range of courses including *In Motion*, a unique programme for self-propelling wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments aged 8 – 19, and the *Ability* dance course which is specifically designed for adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities. For more information visit <http://northernballet.com/join-in/accessible-dance>

There is also a range of open dance classes for everyone to enjoy. For more information visit northernballet.com/academy/training-programmes/open-classes.

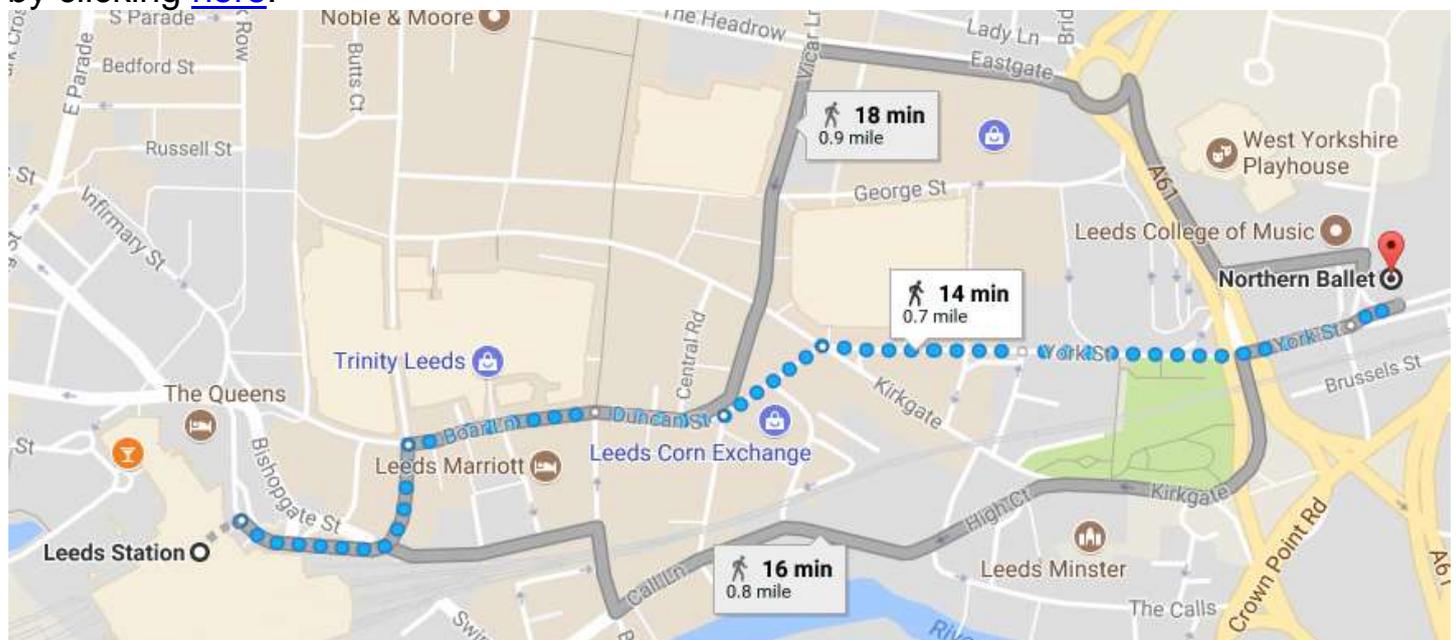
While visiting Northern Ballet at Quarry Hill, you can also ask for information about our ballets which tour throughout the UK and often include audio described performances.

Pre-Arrival

Getting Here By Train:

Leeds City Railway Station is located in the city centre and is 0.7 miles away from Northern Ballet. It should take around 14 minutes to walk or five minutes to drive to Northern Ballet from the train Station. The map below shows the quickest route to walk which is fairly even with a slight decline and is well lit with street lights. There are numerous roads to cross, both with and without pelican crossings.

If you are reading this on a computer, you can see a more detailed version of this map by clicking [here](#).



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There is a taxi rank outside the entrance to the train station on New Station Street which is serviced by City Cabs. Alternatively, you can contact Amber Cars on 0113 202 2117 to book a taxi in advance. Amber Cars has a fleet of 20 wheelchair accessible vehicles and the drivers of these vehicles have all undertaken a disability awareness course. Please remember to advise the operator at the time of booking that a wheelchair accessible vehicle is required and the total number of passengers travelling. Amber Cars advise you to book these vehicles in advance as there is a high demand for this service.

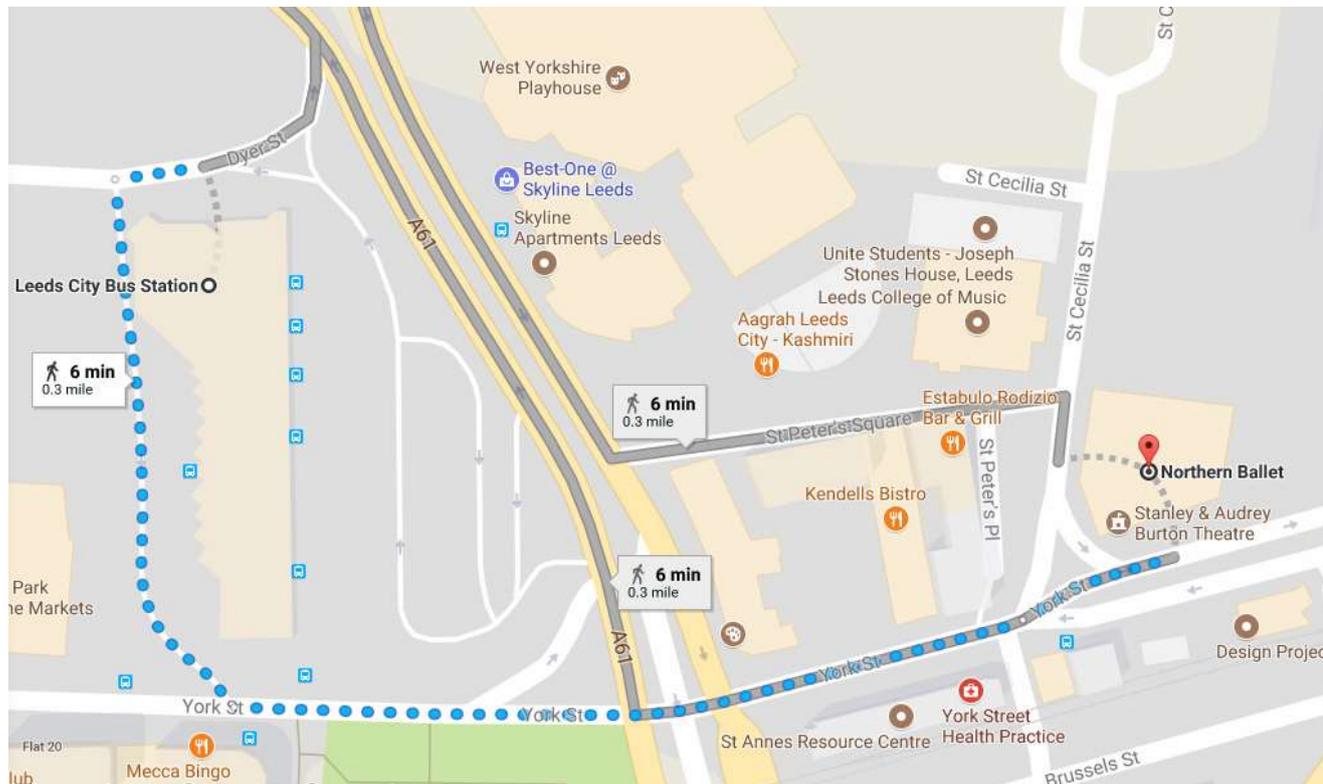
There is a bus interchange outside the New Station Street entrance. The Citybus stops here en-route to the bus station (which is closer to Northern Ballet), Monday to Saturday 06:30 - 19:30. The buses are not wheelchair accessible but concessionary passes are accepted. There are also regular buses from Boar Lane near the train station to York Street near Northern Ballet. Services include the 4, 4A, 5, 11, 16, 40, 163 and 167.

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Getting Here By Bus:

If you are arriving at Northern Ballet by bus, the Central Bus and Coach station is opposite the West Yorkshire Playhouse and a 0.1 mile walk from Northern Ballet. The map below shows the quickest route to walk. The route from the bus station to Northern Ballet is level and firm, with three pelican-controlled roads to cross. It is lit with street lights.

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Unfortunately, Northern Ballet does not offer a collection service.

For further information about trains into Leeds City Railway Station and buses into Leeds Central Bus and Coach Station, please visit www.wymetro.com

(Pre-Arrival continued...)**Getting here by Car:**

Northern Ballet is easily reached from the major road networks via the M621, the postcode for your satnav is **LS2 7PA**.

From the South, take the M1 to junction 43 then follow the M621 West. Leave the M621 at junction 4 and follow the A61 towards Leeds City Centre.

From the West, take the M62 to junction 27 then follow the M621 East. Leave the M621 at junction 4 and follow the A61 towards Leeds City Centre.

From the East, take the M62 to junction 29 then follow the M1 North to junction 43 and then the M621 West. Leave the M621 at junction 4 and follow the A61 towards Leeds City Centre.

From the North, take the A1M to junction 43 and then the M1 South to junction 45. Take the A63 (Pontefract Lane) to the junction at Cross Gates and then take the A61 towards Leeds City Centre.

The A61 bends to the right past the Gateway development on the left. Take the left turn onto York Street immediately after the road goes underneath the railway bridge and then take the next right onto Centenary Square. Northern Ballet is on the right and Quarry Hill carpark is just past the building, also on the right.

Arrival

The Northern Ballet building is at 2 St. Cecilia Street, Quarry Hill which is just behind the Leeds College of Music and West Yorkshire Playhouse.



Northern Ballet



Northern Ballet

Cars may drop off outside the front of the Northern Ballet building and there is a dropped kerb, approx. 10 metres from the accessible entrance. The surface is even with a slight incline and is lit with street lighting.

Two accessible parking bays are available onsite free of charge in Northern Ballet's own car park alongside the building. They are approximately 15 metres from the accessible entrance. The car park is even block paving and the route from car park to the entrance is even, with a minimal decline. The car park is lit with street lighting. There is a barrier to access the car park – on arrival call 0113 220 8000 and the receptionist will open the barrier, or buzz for assistance.



Dropped kerb



Accessible parking bays

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The building is situated on a tarmac road with raised pavements. There is level access to the pavement from the left hand side of the main doors. There is a pedestrian crossing at the junction with York Street which also has level access to the pavement. There is an incline across the front doors; the pavement goes uphill from the right hand side to the left hand side of the building.

The accessible entrance to the building is through the first door on your left as you look at the building. This is a power assisted door which opens outwards and the button to open the door is on the right hand side. The door width is 1040mm / 41 inches. There is an intercom on the left hand side from which a receptionist or caretaker can be called for assistance.



Power Assisted accessible entrance

There is also a manual revolving door and a manual standard door at the front of the building which can be accessed via a level surface between pillars. There are between 1 and 5 steps up to the entrance, with handrails.



Manual revolving door



Steps and slope to entrance

Car Parking

Unfortunately Northern Ballet has no car parking open to the public other than the two disabled bays mentioned in the previous section.

There is a pay and display car park with approximately 35 spaces at Quarry Hill, where blue badge holders can park free of charge. The car park has an uneven gravel surface, is around 35 metres from the accessible entrance and is lit with street lighting. There are additional car parks which provide free parking for blue badge holders and are within 100 metres of the building, with gravel surfaces.



Quarry Hill Car Park

There is an un-manned ticket machine which takes cash, or if you don't have any cash with you, you can pay by debit or credit card over the phone on 020 3003 2523, quoting location code 1807. The machine does not accept notes or cards. The car park is open 24 hours a day and can get very busy so allow yourself enough time to find a space to park.

Parking costs: Mon – Sun, 8am – 10pm

- £2.00 / up to 1 hour
- £4.00 / up to 2 hours
- £6.00 / up to 5 hours
- £8.00 / up to 8 hours
- £8.50 / over 8 hours
- £3 evening (after 6pm)

There is a secure NCP multi-storey car park on York Street next to the bus station (LS2 7EA) which is open from 06:00 – 23:00 with 646 spaces and 32 disabled parking bays. The max height allowance is 2.08m, and the car park has lighting and lifts.

Northern Ballet has a discounted daily parking rate at this car park (up to 24 hours) of £7.80. To qualify for the discount, park as normal and then collect a discount card from the Northern Ballet reception. When you're ready to pay for your parking enter your original ticket in the NCP machine, when the machine prompts you for payment, insert the discount card and this will bring the amount down to £7.80, and then make your payment.

(prices correct as of November 2017)

Reception and Box Office

The main foyer is the heart of the building containing the lift and stair access to all other floors, the reception desk and box office, the café bar, a seating area and Planet Dance shop. Guide dogs are welcome and water can be provided from the café.



Main Foyer



Reception Desk and Box Office

The reception desk and box office are on the right as you enter the building with the café and toilets on the left. There are flat tiles throughout the foyer which is well lit with natural light from the front of the building. At the reception desk, there is a low counter with no barrier between the staff and customers. The counter is 750mm / 29.5 inches high. Here you can ask for help and directions, buy and collect your tickets and pick up headsets for the hearing loop or ear defenders. There are visual and braille signs around the building and within the lift. Signage is clear to read with a white background and coloured font.

Planet Dance

Planet Dance is a small boutique located just inside the building to the right of the entrance. The flooring is flat tiles throughout and the shop is well lit with natural light from the front of the building. There are rails around the walls and two large rails in the centre of the shop. The shop is quite small and there is not a lot of space to move around.



Planet Dance

Planet Dance staff will be happy to help and bring any items that you request to the front of the shop area. The shop opening hours vary slightly and are stated on the signs at the entrance. It is usually open 15:30-19:15 Tuesday – Thursday and 08:30-15:45 on Saturday, please ask at reception for up to date opening hours.

Northern Ballet Café Bar

The café bar is in the main foyer on the ground floor. The area is bright, airy and well-lit with fluorescent lighting. A level tiled floor and wide gangway allow easy access to the service area – it can become busy when children are waiting for classes to begin. Orders are taken from the service counter which is 1100mm / 43.25 inches high. Staff are happy to take your order from the table if required.

There are six round wooden tables each set with 4 wooden and chrome chairs. The tables have 735mm / 29 inches of clear access underneath. There is also a long height bar with 1100mm / 43.25 inches of clear access underneath and 8 high stools. This can be busy before performances in the studio theatre. There is also an area to the front of the reception that has soft low furniture available to both café customers and general visitors.



Café bar



Café bar

Catering Yorkshire's menu can be found on the wall to the left of the service area, and the drinks menu is located behind the service area; both are printed with large and medium lettering. Staff are happy to read the menu if required. There is a range of hot, cold and dietary options - further dietary options and a full list of allergy related products can be made available upon request. You can see a sample menu [here](#). The café is self-service and hot meals are ordered and brought to your table.

Crockery is white porcelain with metal cutlery; these can be changed upon request to wooden cutlery and paper plates. Babies' bottles can be heated and high chairs are available on request. Breast feeding is welcome throughout the foyer and café bar. If you prefer to breast feed in a quiet space please speak to the receptionist.

Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre

The studio theatre is on the ground floor, accessed from the main foyer through a single door 930mm / 36.5 inches wide. The auditorium is a raked bleacher seating bank with shallow steps and handrails up either side. Wheelchair spaces can be booked in the front row on the level access auditorium floor, just ask our reception team when booking tickets.

The floor in the auditorium is carpeted with easily negotiable short pile carpet. Before and after performances and in the intervals, the access routes are clearly lit and the doors are secured open. During the performances, ushers are seated to either side of the auditorium and can help you exit with the use of torches.



Theatre Auditorium



Main Theatre Door

The studio theatre is fitted with a hearing loop; headsets and necklaces are available from the box office in the main foyer or personal hearing aids should be turned to the T position. Ear defenders are also available on request from the box office.

There is space available to store a mobility chair or wheelchair during performances at the theatre. Please let a steward know and they will store mobility chairs or wheelchairs at the back of the auditorium.

Free carer tickets are available with the purchase of an access seat for most performances in the theatre. We also schedule relaxed performances for our own family productions, please contact the box office for more information.

You can book your tickets online at theatreleeds.com. You'll be able to pick your own seats from the plan and we'll send you an e-ticket straight away to confirm your

booking. You can call 0113 220 8008 and our box office team will be happy to take your booking, or you can book in person Monday – Saturday from 09:00 – 20:00.

We are a family friendly venue with these family friendly facilities:

- Baby changing facilities
- Pram storage area
- Level access to the theatre
- We have a number of booster seats available, however, please feel free to bring along your own if you have one
- Special family lunch packages for selected family performances
- Chill out space and changing room for our relaxed performances

Studios & Conference Spaces

There are seven dance studios and various conference spaces and meeting rooms available for hire throughout the building. All can be accessed via lift or stairs. Our flexible event rooms can be tailored to your needs so please just ask our team when you book your event and they will be happy to help with any requests. The studios are all harlequin dance floor sealed from wall to wall. Studios 3-6 have permanent bench seating along one wall and moveable wooden stools. During conferences and non-dance events, the floors are tiled over with short-pile carpet. There are banquette seats dotted around on landings on all levels so you are never far from somewhere to sit.



Studio 3



Studio 7



Level 3 Green Room



Meeting Room



Board Room



Level 4 green Room

Public Toilets

The public toilets are situated in the foyer on your left hand side as you come in to the building.



Public toilets



Accessible toilet

In between the female and male toilets is an accessible toilet which has baby changing facilities. It is unisex and doesn't require a code or radar key to use. It has level entry through a 930mm / 36.5 inch wide door, a clear 1m space for a wheelchair on the right and the seat is 460mm / 18 inches high. There are 2 fixed vertical handrails either side of the wash basin, 1 fixed vertical handrail to the right of the toilet and 1 movable horizontal handrail to the right of the toilet. If assistance is required there is a red pull cord on the left hand side of the WC which activates an alarm and a flashing light outside the WC. It is very well lit with fluorescent ceiling light, floored in non-slip lino with extended lever taps on the sink.

A changing places toilet is available with a bed and hoist across the road at West Yorkshire Playhouse which visitors are able to make use of. The road to West Yorkshire Playhouse has level access and is a short 2 minute walk away. Upon arrival request a radar key from the Box Office and staff will be able to direct you from there.

Non-Public Accessible Toilets

All the accessible facilities have level entry, non-slip lino, wide doors, low seats and red emergency cords next to the toilet.

1st Floor: WC and shower. Clearance to the left of the WC with 2 fixed vertical rails on right hand side of WC, one fixed and one movable horizontal rail at left side of WC and a fixed vertical rail either side of the wash basin. Shower is behind the WC in a separate compartment with an 810mm / 32 inches wide entrance. There is a pull down seat in the shower with pull down rail at the left and a fixed vertical rail on the right. The

shower head is at right angles to the seat on the right and has ordinary twist taps and a fixed vertical rail on either side. The shower head is low and can be removed from the wall.

2nd, 3rd & 5th Floors: WC only. Clearance is to the left of the WC with 2 fixed vertical handrails either side of the wash basin, 1 fixed vertical handrail to the left of the WC and 1 movable horizontal handrail to the left of the WC.

4th Floor: WC and Shower. Clearance to the left of the WC with 2 fixed vertical rails on right hand side of toilet, one fixed and one movable horizontal rail at left side of WC and a fixed vertical rail either side of the wash basin. Shower is in the left hand corner and is separated from the WC by 2 shower curtains. There is a pull down seat in the shower with a pull down rail at the right side and a fixed vertical rail on the left. The shower head is at right angles to the seat on the left and has ordinary twist taps and a fixed vertical rail on either side. The shower head is low and can be removed from the wall. There is approximately 1.5m clearance between the shower seat and the WC.

Additional Information

Assistance and guide dogs are very welcome in Northern Ballet's building and in the auditorium of the Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre. Water bowls can be provided for assistance dogs on request.

In the case of an emergency evacuation, all employees have been trained to deal with and assist customers in leaving the building.

There is a large print sheet with information on the building's facilities available on request.

If you have specific needs that you would like to discuss please contact the receptionist on 0113 220 8000 or email info@northernballet.com

Northern Ballet On Tour

Northern Ballet perform across the UK bringing world-class ballet and live orchestral music to a wide range of audiences.

We offer various opportunities for you to take a step closer to the Company and find out more about our productions during your visit to the theatre. Talks and demonstrations give an insight into life of a touring ballet company, offer the chance to see the dancers in training and reveal some of the secrets behind creating a production. And for those with energy or a secret desire to dance, our movement workshops offer you the chance to have a go, learn some new steps and get creative, whatever your ability. Find out more at northernballet.com/join-in/at-the-theatre.

We offer audio described performances of some productions on tour, enabling people with a visual impairment to access our shows. A free accompanying Touch Tour Insight gives patrons a greater understanding of the production. For more information visit <http://northernballet.com/join-in/accessible-dance/vip-audio-description>

Information about our productions is available on our website, including scenarios and character lists. Large print cast sheets are available on request following performances. Please email info@northernballet.com or call 0113 220 8000 to request a copy.

The theatres that we visit on tour have a range of facilities to meet your requirements. We have brought together the discounted ticket prices and information about access facilities available at each of the theatres here northernballet.com/access-information To find out more, discuss and specific needs and make a booking, please contact the relevant theatre box office.

Local Accommodation

Accessible accommodation is available nearby. Below are some suggestions; however these are not endorsed by Northern Ballet.

Park Plaza - Boar Lane, City Square, Leeds, Yorkshire LS1 5NS

This hotel has a wheelchair accessible public entrance, lobby and public restrooms and accessible rooms, with wet rooms (two on each floor), which may include the following accessible features:

- Amenities within accessible range to reach
- Audio and visual emergency warning devices
- Controls operable without grasping or twisting
- Grab bars alongside toilet and by bath tub
- Wider guest room and bathroom doorways

Please contact the hotel on 0844 415 6720 to confirm if an accessible room will meet your needs or if you have additional questions.

Jurys Inn - Brewery Wharf, Brewery Place, Leeds LS10 1NE

This hotel has accessible toilets in public areas, lifts to all floors and a number of accessible wheelchair friendly rooms which include:

- Lowered beds for easy transfer from a wheelchair to the bed
- Wide doorways
- Sufficient floor space to manoeuvre
- Fully accessible bathrooms, including either roll-in shower or bath with additional hand rails, lower sink, grab rails and pull cords

Please call Jurys Inn on 0113 283 8800 to discuss your requirements and to check availability of accessible wheelchair friendly rooms.

There are also accessible rooms available at the following local hotels:

Quebecs Hotel - 9 Quebec Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS1 2HA / 0113 244 8989

[Access statement](#)

Hilton Leeds City - Neville Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS1 4BX / 0113 241 1000

[Access statement](#)

42 The Calls - 42 The Calls, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS2 7EW / 0113 244 0099.

[Access statement](#)

Local Services for Disabled People:

There are a number of services available for disabled people in Leeds City Centre. DIAL Leeds (Disability Information and Advice Line) provides a short term manual wheelchair hire service, and can also supply RADAR keys (for accessible toilets).

For more information, DIAL Leeds can be contacted on 0113 378 2992 or by visiting www.dial-leeds.org.uk

Future Plans

Northern Ballet is committed to ensuring that our building, facilities and events are as accessible as possible.

There are plans in place for Reception, Front of House and Box Office staff to receive basic Makaton sign language training and Disability Awareness and Equality training.

We are continuously in the process of updating our website to ensure that information is as clear and easy to access as possible for everyone.