

Access Information

Catalyst Science and Discovery Centre and Museum

Visiting Us



Address

Mersey Road, Widnes
Cheshire, WA8 0DF



Telephone

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Website

www.catalyst.org.uk



Public Transport Links

27, 27a

Bus Stop – Newtown CATALYST MUSEUM

For live bus times – [Newtown CATALYST MUSEUM – Bus Times](#)

Wheelchair accessible taxis – [ABC Taxis](#)



Ticket Price (General public visitors with Gift Aid)

Adult – £12.65

Child – £10.45

Concession – £10.45

Children 3 and under admitted free

1:1 Carer admitted free

For detailed ticket price breakdown:

[Visits and Prices – Catalyst Science Discovery Centre](#)

Parking

- Designated disabled car parking in main car park (3 spaces)
- Alternative on-street parking on Mersey Road (which gives level access to the entrance)

- Designated bus/coach parking
- Car park is large and hard surfaced
- Parking is free of charge for all visitors

Arrival

- Level/ramped wheelchair access to entrance (steeply ramped from main car park)
- Level/ramped wheelchair access into venue
- One essential carer has free entry. Additional carers are admitted at £9.95 each
- Easy access around ground floor/area of site (some internal ramps)
- Wheelchair access to other floors (via an external glass lift with turning space and room for a carer)
- Lift controls at accessible height
- Visual story available to support planning and arrival

Interactive Gallery, Museum and Observatory

- No automatic doors into gallery spaces, but doors from the landing are pinned open
- There is access to exhibits for visually impaired (there are several tactile and interactive exhibits)
- Wheelchair access to interactive exhibits (there is good access to the exhibits and although some need good upper body strength most are easily used)
- There is seating throughout Catalyst at regular intervals
- There are no subtitles on films in the museum
- There are some videos that play automatically in the Birth of an Industry Gallery
- There is a mannequin in the Birth of an Industry Gallery. It does not move or make any sounds

Toilets

- Full Changing Places toilet (located near reception on the ground floor)
- Grab rails in Changing Places toilet

- Step stools provided in the ground floor male and female toilets
- Easy access to wash basin easy access to hand dryer/towels in Changing Places toilet
- Wheelchair turning space in Changing Places toilet
- Room for three carers in Changing Places toilet
- Accessible toilet also located on second floor via Gossage Room

Café & Shop

- Level/ramped access to shop
- Level/ramped access to cafe/tearoom
- Accessible counter/cutlery is self-service (but staff on hand to assist if needed)
- Wheelchair access to tables
- Wheelchair accessible picnic area (there is an indoor lunch room available via a separate lift in the education block which can be pre-booked by groups)
- Large print menus available
- Ergonomic cutlery for adults and children available

Other

- Assistance dogs welcome
- Hearing loop (in the theatre)
- Access resources available including
 - Ear defenders
 - Sensory bags
 - Communication cards

Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 0151 420 1121 or by email to info@catalyst.org.uk if you require further information or assistance.