

## Website Accessibility statement for [www.cdd.ac.uk](http://www.cdd.ac.uk)

This accessibility statement applies to the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama and all pages contained within the domain name [www.cdd.ac.uk](http://www.cdd.ac.uk)

The statement does not apply to the websites of the individual Conservatoire schools, namely Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Central School of Ballet, London Contemporary Dance School (The Place), National Centre for Circus Arts, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and Rambert School.

This website is run by the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama with technical support on an ad hoc basis from Ave Design. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using third party speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

### How accessible this website is

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- the text will not reflow in a single column when you change the size of the browser window
- you cannot modify the line height or spacing of text
- most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- you cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader
- there's a limit to the interactivity of the 'Global Reach' map for those using assistive software to navigate the website.

### Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille, please contact: Vanessa Baptista, Widening Participation and Equality Coordinator, on [vanessa.baptista@cdd.ac.uk](mailto:vanessa.baptista@cdd.ac.uk) or via 0208 150 5510.

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 14 days.

If you cannot view the map on our 'contact us' page, call or email us <http://www.cdd.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us/> for directions.

## **Reporting accessibility problems with this website**

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact: Vanessa Baptista, Widening Participation and Equality Coordinator, on [vanessa.baptista@cdd.ac.uk](mailto:vanessa.baptista@cdd.ac.uk) or via 0208 150 5510.

## **Enforcement procedure**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

## **Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person**

Find out how to contact us at <http://www.cdd.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us>

## **Technical information about this website's accessibility**

The Conservatoire for Dance and Drama is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

## **Compliance status**

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

### **Non-accessible content**

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

### **Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations**

**Images:** In some instances non-descriptive text has been used of images so people using a screen reader cannot understand the purpose of the image. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A). We plan to add meaningful text alternatives for all images by January 2021. When we publish new content we make sure it meets accessibility standards.

**Navigation:** There are currently no skip links on the navigation to allow you to bypass the main navigation into the page content. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A). We intend for all pages to have inbuilt skip links when the website is next updated, in 2021.

## **Disproportionate burden**

### **Interactive tools**

Interactive tools, such as the Global Reach map, are difficult to navigate using a keyboard. The cost associated with fixing this issue with navigating and accessing the interactive tool would be

a be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment on this in November 2021.

### **Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations**

#### **PDFs and other documents**

Historic PDF and video content has not been recreated since its original creation to be in line with new accessibility standards. The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

#### **Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared in December 2020.

This website was last tested on 1 May 2020. The test was carried out by Ave Design Limited and assessed the main templates used across the website.