

Accessibility Statement

Our commitment and legal obligations

Web standards and technologies

We commit to ensuring the communications we produce are clear and accessible to the widest range of people.

We recognise our obligations under The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and the Equality Act 2010.

Some parts of the site have been tested using automated accessibility testing software, namely the Site Improve Accessibility Checker browser extension.

This website uses HTML 5 (HyperText Mark-up Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) to render content.

Centre for Sustainable Fashion is built on WordPress and you can read the WordPress accessibility statement.

WordPress is an open source blog publishing and content management system, based on PHP and MySQL. It uses HTML 5 (HyperText Mark-up Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) to render content. Other technologies are also used including JavaScript. We use our own customised theme to affect the layout and design of the blog.

We're working hard to make the website conform to level AA of the World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1). We recognise we have more work to do to achieve this.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

This website is not compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard. The non-accessible sections are listed below.

Known limitations

It has not been possible to ensure that the website meets WCAG 2.1 (AA) at the current time because:

- Some images are missing Alternative Text including imagery which has text on image
- Some links rely solely on colour to identify them, and are missing additional visual cues, such as underlining
- Some link text may not be meaningful eg. view here / click here
- Colour contrast throughout the site is insufficient and does not meet 4.5:1 for normal and 3:1 for large text
- The website has limited visual focus and the search box has no visual focus at all
- Some text is not read by screen readers
- The website is not entirely navigable using only the keyboard and tabbing order is not logical
- Downloadable documents are not accessible and we also link to external third party publications that may also not be accessible

We are working to meet the compliance as specified in The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 by the September 2020 deadline.

Contact us

Alternative versions

Issues and complaints

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems that aren't listed on this page or think we're not meeting the requirements of the accessibility regulations, please contact us.

If you are not able to access a service or content on the website, contact Megan St Clair Morgan, m.stclairmorgan@arts.ac.uk. Please include details of the content you need and the required format. We will then work with the team who own the service/content to get you what you need.

To report an issue with the website or to make a complaint, please contact Megan St Clair Morgan, m.stclairmorgan@arts.ac.uk. We aim to provide you with an initial response within 48 hours and will provide clear information about how we will deal with your enquiry.

If you feel we have not answered your complaint satisfactorily, please contact us again. We will escalate your complaint to the Director of Centre for Sustainable Fashion who will work with the team who provides the service/content to get you a response.
This statement was prepared on 25 October 2019.

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the accessibility regulations. If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).