

Christine X Art Gallery Accessibility Policy

Effective Date: 19th April 2025

Reviewed: 19th April 2025

Next Review: 19th July 2025

1. Our Commitment to Accessibility

Christine X Art Gallery is committed to ensuring that everyone—regardless of ability—can access and enjoy our exhibitions, events, and digital services. We are dedicated to removing barriers and creating an inclusive environment in accordance with the **Equality Act 2010 (EQA)** and the **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)** established by the **World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)**.

We believe that access to art, culture, and information is a right, not a privilege.

2. Physical Accessibility

We aim to provide a welcoming and accessible physical environment by:

- Ensuring step-free access at main entrances.
- Installing clear, easy-to-read signage throughout the gallery.
- Offering seating areas in exhibition spaces for rest and contemplation.
- Welcoming guide dogs and support animals.
- Providing printed materials in large print upon request.
- Offering staff support for visitors with access needs, including assistance with navigation and interpretation.

We are continually reviewing our visitor services to improve accessibility where possible.

3. Digital Accessibility

Our website and online platforms aim to meet the **WCAG 2.1 AA** standards to ensure they are usable for the widest possible audience, including those using screen readers, keyboard navigation, and other assistive technologies.

We are guided by the following principles:

- **Perceivable** – Content is presented in ways users can understand, including text alternatives for images and captions for multimedia.

- **Operable** – Navigation is accessible via keyboard and assistive technology.
 - **Understandable** – Information and operation of the user interface are clear and predictable.
 - **Robust** – Content is compatible with current and future assistive technologies.
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4. Accessibility Statement

We have developed an **Accessibility Statement** that outlines the **technical and organisational controls** we have implemented on our website to remove barriers to access. This includes:

- Regular audits of our digital platforms.
 - Training on digital content accessibility.
 - A feedback mechanism for users to report issues or request content in alternative formats.
 - A commitment to resolving accessibility issues promptly.
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5. Feedback and Continuous Improvement

We welcome feedback from all users to help us identify areas for improvement. If you encounter any barriers to access, please contact us:

Email: info@christinexart.com

Phone: +356 99844653

Address: 53, Tigne street c/w Hughes Hallet street, Sliema, SLM3141, Malta

We will respond within [e.g., 5 working days] and work with you to resolve the issue.

6. Review and Compliance

This policy is reviewed annually or in response to legislative or technological changes. The Gallery Director is responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented and maintained.