

Coleg Harlech WEA (N) Access Statement for the Harlech Campus

Coleg Harlech is actively working towards DDA compliancy and takes the duties that the DDA Act imposes very seriously. The campus at Coleg Harlech is made up of a number of buildings spread over a wide area. Specific access information is provided below for each building:-

Halls of Residence

Coleg Harlech's Hall of Residence is an eleven storey tower block adjacent to the main building, which houses the administration offices, library, teaching rooms and theatre. The Art Studio and the Amenity block are also situated close by.

The Hall of Residence is approximately ¼ mile from Harlech station, part of which is up a steep incline. Buses, although not frequent, stop close to the building.

The Halls are accessible to wheelchairs via the ground floor entrance next to the car park. There is a lift in the building which provides access to all floors which includes the dining room and the common room. There are three other entrances to the building, but they are both stepped..

The ground floor has wheelchair accessible rooms, but none have en suite facilities. The building has one wheelchair accessible toilet on the 7th floor.

Each floor has one raised toilet suitable for persons with slight disabilities, the elderly or the infirm.

A hearing loop is installed in the dining room servery.

One twin bedroom on each floor is fitted with vibrating pillows to alert the occupants in the case of fire

Both the dining room and the common room have DDA compliant armchairs

There is a dedicated disabled parking bay in the car park near the Hall of Residence

Wernfawr

Wernfawr has three main entrances, two of which are wheelchair accessible. However one leads to the ground floor only (administration, student support, Harlech Room, café and toilets) and the second to the basement level only (main lecture room and Rhymney Computer room). The ground floor and the Theatr are accessible via a dedicated disabled lift.

The reception entrance is stepped, but a portable ramp is available on request.

Access to the lower basement area (music and Lower west rooms)is not accessible to wheelchairs

There is a lift in the library to access both the upper library floor and the classroom beneath the library

There are two dedicated disabled bays next to the disabled lift, parking is not permitted in the main courtyard.

Amenity Building

The amenity building which is located on the lower accommodation road beneath Wernfawr, houses the music/radio studios on the ground floor and IT suite, Music Tech Suite and Bar on the first floor. The first floor is accessible via a lift. There are wheel chair accessible toilets on both the ground and first floors. Next to the building is a car parking area, although there are no designated disabled bays

Art Studio

The art studio building also houses an additional music studio, and is situated on the lower road adjacent to the amenity building. The main entrance is accessed via a ramp although there is a small step into the building. The art and the music studios are on the ground floor, along with a wheelchair accessible toilet. The building does not have a lift, so the first floor tutorial room would not be accessible to wheelchair users. There is a dedicated disabled parking bay next to the building

Crown Lodge

Crown Lodge is a large two storey house set in its own grounds overlooking Harlech. The drive up to the house is well lit, but somewhat uneven, and may present some difficulties for people with visual impairment and mobility problems. There is a large car park available. Crown Lodge is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Harlech Station, but up a steep incline. There is a limited bus service which passes the building. Crown Lodge is a short walk to the shops of Harlech along narrow roads.

Crown Lodge is accessible to wheelchairs via the rear entrance and there is an accessible en- suite bedroom available on the ground floor. Other bedrooms are also available on the ground floor but are not suitable for wheelchair users. There is no lift in the building and the second floor is reached via a staircase. Crown Lodge is spacious and has large, airy public rooms.

There is a disabled public toilet and a telephone available on the ground floor.

A vibrating pillow alarm is available to alert if the fire alarm at night goes off.

Throughout the campus: -

- assistance dogs are welcomed, and although there is no free run available in the grounds, the surrounding area is more than adequate to exercise a dog
- portable hearing loops are available, but notice needs to be given to allow time for installation
- there is good mobile phone coverage in this area
- a wide range of dietary needs can be met
- where possible literature will be available in large print
- A personal emergency evacuation plan will be drawn up for those with mobility problems

A major programme of work has been conducted to make the College as accessible as possible, despite the inevitable limitations of older buildings built on a hilly site. We endeavour to timetable appropriately to ensure that you will be able to access all rooms required for your studies. Please contact Student Support Services as early as possible if you have any concerns relating to your ability to access college resources so that we can make any necessary arrangements