

## **YHA London St Pauls**

### **ACCESS STATEMENT**

#### **Introduction**

St Paul's Youth Hostel occupies the Grade 2 listed building that was formerly a purpose built choir school for the Cathedral dating back to 1874. At present there is no lift in the building and disabled facilities are limited to one private 2 bedded room.

We cater for individual travellers, couples and families seeking a City location within easy reach of all the main sights and attractions. The following statement is a summary of our provision.

If you have any specific questions about access, please call us and we will endeavour to help.

#### **Pre-arrival**

- Excellent train, bus and underground links from all major airports. St Paul's station on the Central line and Blackfriars station on the Circle and District lines are within a 5 minutes walk from the hostel.
- City Thameslink and Blackfriars with direct links to Gatwick and Luton airports are 2 minutes away.
- 24 hours bus services to within 1 minute of the hostel. Low level access on most buses. Contact <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/> for more information.
- A local taxi service has limited accessible taxis if required. We can make a booking for you.
- The hostels details can be seen on our website: <http://www.yha.org.uk/>
- You can contact the hostel by phone, fax or email (details below).

#### **Arrival and Car Parking Facilities**

- No Car Parking at the hostel. Drop off point is directly outside front door on Carter Lane.
- Nearest Car parks are :- Baynard House on Queen Victoria Street at £2.50 an hour peak times and £2.50 a night, and at weekends and bank holidays - and the NCP at Hillgate house on Limeburner Lane. For further details of City parking please see <http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/> .
- YHA St.Pauls is inside the congestion charge zone; please see <http://www.cclondon.com/> for further details.

#### **Main Entrance and Reception**

- From street level there are 11 steps up to Reception level.
- Induction loop at Reception.
- Seating is available in the reception and adjacent lounge.
- Reception is manned 24 hours a day.

## **Public Areas – General**

- Good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building.
- Well lit corridors.
- Floor covering is carpet in the main, with a non-slip hard flooring in the dining area.

## **Public Areas – WCs and Showers**

- 3 WCs are located on the ground floor (4-5 steps below Reception level) along with showers and toilet cubicles evenly spread throughout the building. None of these facilities currently meets DDA standards for wheelchair users.

## **Public Areas – Dining Room and Lounge**

- All areas of YHA London St Paul's have stairs to get to one place from another. This is partly due to the fact that the old school building was constructed on a hill.
- Dining room furniture is moveable
- Table service is provided for evening meals and available in the dining room on request in advance at Reception for breakfast.

## **Bedrooms – General**

- All dormitory style rooms (3 – 11 persons) contain PEL type bunk stacks built up to 3 levels high. These bunks do not have ladders and access / egress may be difficult for any persons with any level of physical disability.
- We have 3 single rooms and 5 2-bed private rooms – all of which contain more accessible beds – although they are located on the top floor.
- We have 1 x 2-bed private room located on the ground floor which contains a toilet with handrails shower with seat. These are the only disabled facilities in the hostel.

## **Courtyard**

- There is a significant step down to the Courtyard. This area is used for recreation and breakfast in the Warmer months. The Courtyard has a `cobbled` flooring with Beer Garden style wooden benches for seating.

## **Additional Information**

- No pets or Dogs (service dogs are welcome )
- No Smoking
- Disability Awareness courses – as part of the `Welcome Host` scheme have been undertaken by many of our staff
- A member of staff is available on reception 24 hours a day
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are installed. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.
- Evacuation procedures are shown in each bedroom on the back of the door.
- Mobile phone reception is good in our immediate vicinity.

## **Contact Information**

- Address: YHA London St Paul's, 36, Carter Lane, London, EC4V 5AB
- Telephone : 020 7236 4965
- Fax : 020 7236 7681
- E-mail: [stpauls@yha.org.uk](mailto:stpauls@yha.org.uk)
- Hours of operation: Reception open 24 hours and every day of the year