



DISABLED ACCESS DAY

12th March 2016

**Disabled Access Day
is all about trying
something or somewhere
new, such as a local
museum or gallery.**

This year, the event takes place on Saturday 12 March and we at **Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums** would love you to get involved and visit one of our venues with your friends and family.

We run nine museums and galleries, several of which have special activities and offers to celebrate Disabled Access Day, from British Sign Language tours to facilitated activities and free admission. Read overleaf to find out more.



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What's on and where?

Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JA

The Twisting Ducks Theatre Company for people with profound learning disabilities presents a new tactile exhibit featuring Freda the Musical Octopus.

Free, 10am - 4pm, drop in.

Blind and partially sighted people can enjoy guided tours of the Newcastle Story and Story of the Tyne galleries.

Free, 11am and 1pm, advance booking essential.

Disabled people can go behind the scenes of the Great North Museum: Hancock with a guided tour of its Resource Centre, based at Discovery Museum.

Free, 11am, advance booking essential, BSL interpreter support available.

Laing Art Gallery, New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AG

We've got 20 free places available for disabled people to view the exhibition Leonardo Da Vinci: Ten Drawings from the Royal Collection.

Free, 10am - 5pm, advance booking essential.

Great North Museum: Hancock, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT

Disabled people can enjoy a guided exhibition tour of The Extraordinary Gertrude Bell. Discover the woman who helped to shape the Middle East after the First World War.

Free, 1pm, advance booking essential, BSL interpreter support available.

South Shields Museum, Ocean Road, South Shields, NE33 2JA

Deaf people/BSL users can enjoy an illustrated talk about the many treasures at South Shields Museum. An optional tour of the museum's brand new Treasures gallery follows.

Free, 11.30am, advance booking essential.

Segedunum Roman Fort, Buddle Street, Wallsend, NE28 6HR

Disabled people can enjoy free admission to Segedunum, the most excavated fort along Hadrian's Wall.

Free, drop in.

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Book your places and enquire about BSL interpreter support by contacting Robert Latham on 0191 277 2313 or Robert.Latham@twmuseums.org.uk