

## MobileHCI 2023 Conference Accessibility Guidance

Making a conference accessible is an ongoing process and requires an open communication channel to support reactivity and proactivity in accessibility.

Below, we highlight some key principles and guidance points on making our conference experience more inclusive, supportive, and accessible. By no means, this is not an exhaustive list of guiding points.

Please bear in mind that accessibility needs come in different forms. They do not involve just needs regarding People with Reduced Mobility (PRMs) or with sensory impairment but also, they include needs that are hidden. For that reason, providing proactive key information about accessibility can reduce the need from people with hidden disabilities to disclose this information to us.

The Conference and its participants are advised to follow basic Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) principles that will safeguard respectful, accommodating and inclusive interactions and experiences throughout the duration of the conference.

EDI awareness and support focus on:

- Expected behaviour
  - Unacceptable Behaviour
  - How to report
1. **It is expected** that you refrain from strong language and expressions that can discriminate or harass others.
  2. **It is expected** that you think and reflect before you speak to avoid misunderstandings and demonstrate consideration and respect to others.
  3. **It is expected** that you ask for help (e.g. from a Student Volunteer and/or a conference programme committee member) if you are unsure and/or observe hurtful behaviour.
  4. **It is expected** that no bullying, abuse, harassment-oriented behaviour will be accepted.
  5. **It is expected** that you are aware how to report such behaviours through e.g. [access2023@mobilehci.acm.org](mailto:access2023@mobilehci.acm.org) (for reporting issues after the end of the conference) and contacting the Student Volunteers (SVs) on the ground throughout the duration of the conference – please note that all correspondence will be treated with confidence.

Some of the SVs will be especially overseeing accessibility aspects. All the SVs will know who the accessibility SVs are and they can contact them directly if needed.

The Conference is located at Eugenides Foundation (<https://mobilehci.acm.org/2023/venue.php>) and the venue offers accessibility-friendly entry points (entrance from 11 Pentelis Street) to go to the main space of the conference (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium). The Conference Centre provides information on accessibility here: <https://www.eef.edu.gr/en/visit/accessibility/in-the-conference-centre/> in regards to wheelchair users, location of accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. There is an accessibility map and photo snapshots that aim to provide further guidance on accessible

routes within the Conference Centre and which can be found here:

<https://mobilehci.acm.org/2023/venue.php> . Further navigation support will be available through the registration desk and SVs should you need it (i.e. signposting).

No specific 'Quiet room' will be available (due to the venue needing to retain flexibility in room usage), but there will be available rooms that people can isolate if needed on a 'per-case' basis. These 'per-case' rooms will be available in case you need to isolate yourselves at some point for various reasons (e.g., health related such as doing an injection or else e.g., breast-feeding and nursing. In case you need a 'quiet' space during the conference, please get in touch with the General Chairs and/or Local arrangement Chairs to assist you with the matter.

Extra catering facilities should you need water or extra snacks at any point are also available - signposting will be available on the spot during the Conference.

The Conference Centre is fitted with a hearing support system. If your hearing aid(s) do not support IR mode/pickup, please let the registration team or Student Volunteers (SVs) know so we can assist you as much as we can. 'Live' captioning/overhead display of speaker(s) presenting of all the presentations will be available only for remote participants (Zoom automatic captioning).

If any co-located participants have hearing problems, they will be able connect through Zoom and follow the conference presentations through there.

We will be using Discord for questions during the paper presentations and panel sessions. The joining code will be provided on the day. If you have a question you wish to pose anonymously, you can just DM (direct message) it to the assigned SV for the session - this way only the SVs will know the question. The Session Chairs will be able to provide the protocol for that.

Signposts will be available at the Conference Centre to indicate any video capturing and photos taking. If for some reason you do not wish to be photographed and/or video-captured, please indicate this at the registration desk and a sticker will be given to you to put on your badge to indicate this.

### **After the Conference**

If you were a presenter, consider making your poster and/or slides available for others either upon request (e.g., mentioning this during your presentation and sending them by email) or uploading them online and publicly sharing them on your website or networking platforms such as Twitter and LinkedIn. Please remember to include alternative text (alt-text) for any graphs and visuals your presentations have.

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