



Sensory Symposium at MK Gallery Friday 13th November 2026

Easy Read Guide

This Easy Read Guide contains lots of information about MK Gallery's Sensory Symposium.

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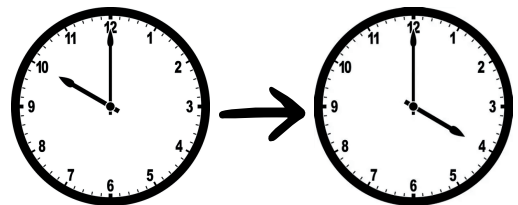


When is this event happening?

The Sensory Symposium is taking place on Friday 13th November.



The symposium will run from 10am-4pm.



Visitors can arrive from 9:30am to get a drink, settle in, and be ready for a prompt start to the day.



Where will this event take place?

This event will take place at MK Gallery, in Milton Keynes.

This is MK Gallery.





You might like to watch our 'How To Get Here' video before you plan your journey to MK Gallery. It is linked below:

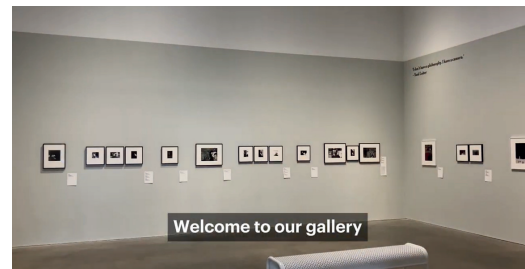
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhbHb3iw1TO>



You can also watch a virtual tour of our building to familiarise yourself with MK Gallery before your visit.

Here is the link for the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUxDQS2RC74&t=1s>



The symposium will be based in our Sky Room. The Sky Room is on the second floor of the main gallery building.

This is the Sky Room.



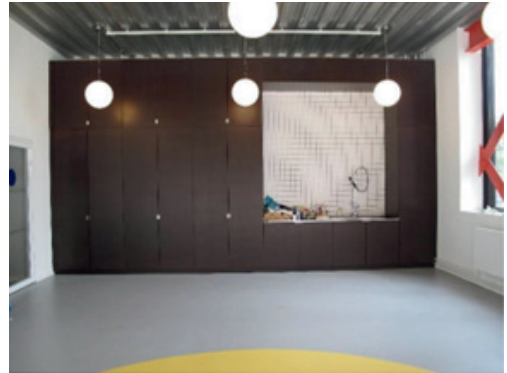
You can reach the Sky Room via our double sized lift, or via the stairs.





Our Learning Studio will also be available as a chill out space during this event.

This is the Learning Studio.



The Learning Studio is on the ground floor of the main gallery building. A member of MK Gallery staff can provide you with access via our gallery spaces.

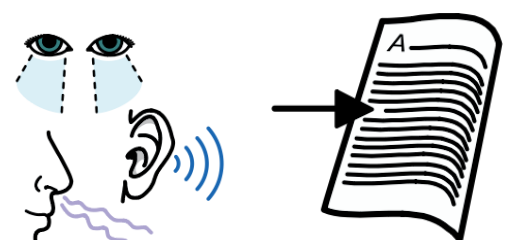


At lunch time you might also choose to visit our L.S. Lowry exhibition 'The Theatre of Life'.

It is in our main gallery spaces, here is a photo of one of those spaces.



Sensory Menus for our exhibitions, and our whole site, are available for you to read.



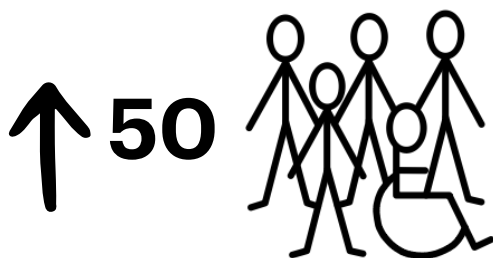


What are the timings for this event?

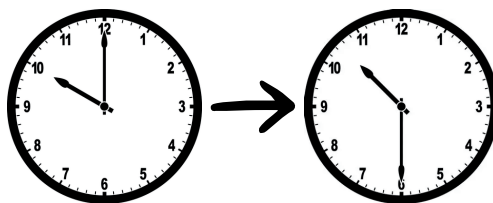
At 9:30am, everyone attending the Sensory Symposium can arrive to the Sky Room.



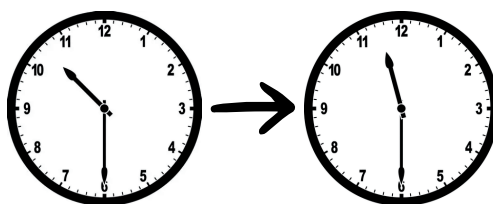
There could be up to 50 people attending this event. They might work in museums and galleries, they might be artists, or they might work for a charity.



From 10-10:30am there will be a short introduction to the day, featuring Katie Lloyd from Art Fund. Art Fund support MK Gallery's work.

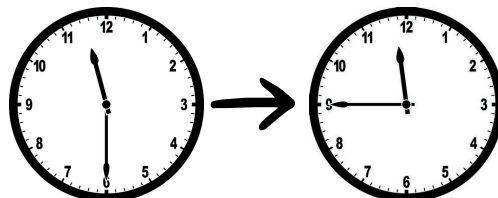


From 10:30-11:30am there will be a presentation about MK Gallery's Sensory Engagement Partnership Project.

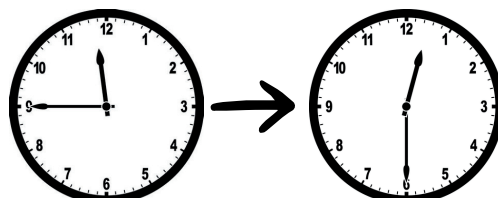




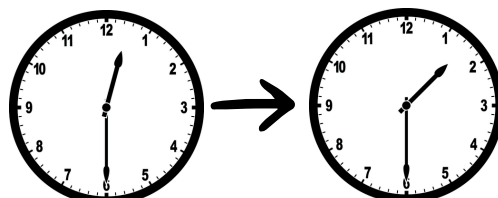
From 11:30-11:45am there will be a break.



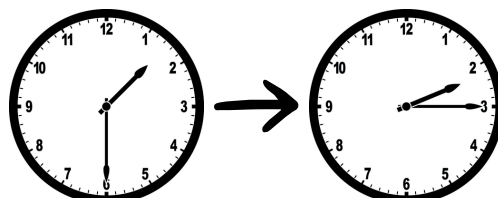
From 11:45am-12:30pm there will be a presentation by Blue Room Inclusive Arts Project about their Sensory Tours at Bluecoat contemporary arts centre in Liverpool.



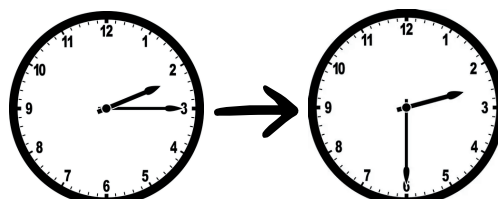
From 12:30-1:30pm we will have lunch. Lunch is provided for you.



From 1:30-2:15pm there will be a presentation by Jennifer Gilbert about the Tate Plus Creative Access Toolkit.

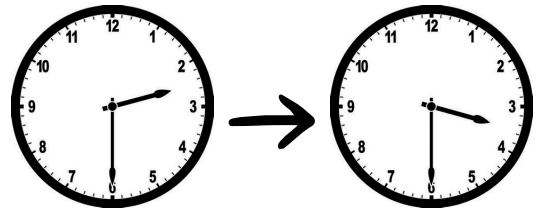


From 2:15-2:30pm we will have a break.

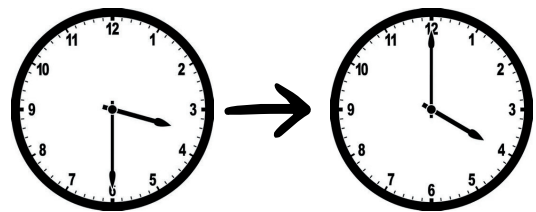




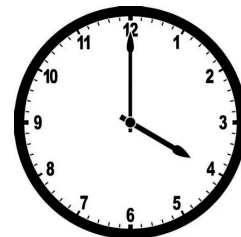
From 2:30-3:30pm there will be a group workshop for everyone to start designing a Sensory Tour Kit for MK Gallery's Spring 2027 exhibition.



From 3:30-4pm there will be a chance for attendees to ask speakers any extra questions they might have.



At 4pm the symposium will finish.



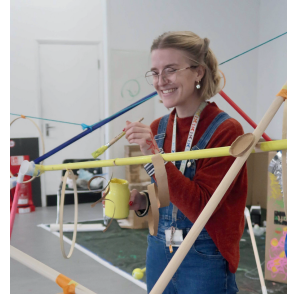
Who will be contributing to this event?

Sophie, the Producer of Inclusion at MK Gallery.

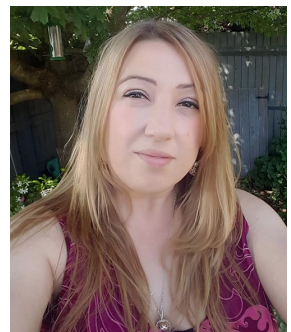




Rosie, the Inclusion Coordinator at MK Gallery.



Julia, an artist from Collar & Cuffs Co. who collaborate with MK Gallery.



Robin, an artist who collaborates with MK Gallery.



Katie Lloyd, Programme Manager at Art Fund.



Janesha and Stephen, learners from MK SNAP.





Liam and Anna, residents from
Camphill MK Communities.



Becky, the Blue Room Project
Manager at The Bluecoat in
Liverpool.



Rachel, Blue Room Facilitator at
The Bluecoat in Liverpool.



Tony and Lewis, artists from Blue
Room at The Bluecoat in Liverpool.



Jennifer, a gallerist, curator and
producer from Jennifer Lauren
Gallery.





Anything else I need to know?

A Microsoft Form will be emailed to you before the symposium.

In the form, you can tell us about your dietary and access requirements if you need, or would like to.

There are accessible toilets on the same floor as the Sky Room.

A Changing Places facility is available on the ground floor of MK Gallery, accessible via our gallery spaces or Learning Studio.

For more detailed accessibility information about MK Gallery, please see our website:
<https://mkgallery.org/visit/accessibility/>



Not every disability is visible

Accessible toilet

