

## QueerArts UK CIC Pride 2025 Sensory Information





At QueerArts UK CIC we want everything we do to be as accessible as possible.

This guide is designed to provide you with information about some of the sensory experiences you may encounter when visiting the QueerArts marquee at York Pride 2025.

For information about York Pride accessibility please see this link:

<https://www.yorkpride.org.uk/accessibility/>

Feel free to speak to one of our staff or volunteers on the day if you have any questions or require assistance. They will be happy to help if they can.

We are always looking to improve our accessibility offer. We would welcome any comments or suggestions to help us improve our accessibility. Please feel free to email [hello@queerarts.co.uk](mailto:hello@queerarts.co.uk) with your feedback.

## The Marquee



The marquee is a temporary structure that will look a bit like this. You are welcome to enter.

There is no charge.

The ground may be uneven or muddy depending on the weather.

There is no level change.

You may experience a natural change in lighting when you enter the marquee.

You may be able to smell grass.

You may hear the marquee rustle if the day is windy.

You may hear noise from other activities outside of the marquee.

## Staff and Volunteers



All our staff and volunteers will be pleased to welcome you to the marquee.

You can recognise them as they will wear the T-shirt you can see on the left.

Staff and volunteers will be happy to assist you wherever possible on the day.

You may also see staff and volunteers selling merchandise.



## Quiet Hour



Noise from activities inside the marquee will change through the hour.

York Pride will hold a quiet hour from 11.30am to 12.30pm. This will be observed in the QueerArts marquee too.

During this time there will be some participatory art starting in the marquee. There will also be some arts and crafts activities. Feel free to join in, there is no extra charge.

You may hear quiet chatting.

You may smell poster paints and grass.

Depending on the weather you may hear the marquee make a rustling sound.

1pm - 2pm



During this time there will be a participatory art project and arts and crafts happening in the Queer Arts marquee.

The noise from activities outside the marquee will start to increase around this time.

The number of people entering the marquee might also start to increase around this time as people arrive from the parade.

We will be making badges inside the marquee. You are welcome to participate. The badge maker (pictured on the left) makes a thunk sound with every badge.

## 2pm - 3pm Junk Percussion



This will be a very loud hour in the QueerArts marquee. You may wish to bring ear defenders from home. Foam ear plugs will be available from Pride HQ. A member of our staff and volunteers will be able to direct you to them if you wish to use them.

You are welcome to join in with junk percussion. If you are unsure and would like to try the activity you are welcome to do so. You can stop and leave the area at any time if you change your mind. Staff and volunteers will happily assist you with this if needed.

Junk percussion will involve lots of unpredictable sounds as the noise depends on how each person chooses to do the activity. The activity involves using large plastic drums and may also be accompanied by the sounds of tambourines and other small percussive instruments.

3 - 4pm



During this hour there will be facepainting with Ginger Slice. You are welcome to join in. Please be aware that Ginger Slice may be very popular and so may attract a large crowd.

You might be able to smell face paints.  
You might be able to hear laughing and chatting and Ginger Slice's tutorial.

You may also be able to hear the badge maker and participatory art activity still ongoing during this time.

At 3.35pm the QueerArts Rainbow Choir will be performing on the Cabaret Stage. Accessibility information for the Cabaret Stage is available at <https://www.yorkpride.org.uk/accessibility/>

You can see a photo of Ginger Slice from a previous QueerArts event on the left.



3pm - 4pm (continued.)



### 'Our Emotions - What and How?'

There will also be a workshop running during this time all about emotions. You are welcome to join in.

This workshop is run by Dorothy Hodgkinson of Finding Perspectives, an LGBTQ+ ally who runs counselling services. You can see Dorothy in the photo on the left.

You will hear Dorothy talking and demonstrating some resources she will bring with her.

This isn't expected to be a loud activity but you may be able to hear some noise from other activities in the marquee.

4pm - 5pm Gaylidh



During this hour we will be running a participatory dance lesson in Gaylidh. You are welcome to join in. To the left you can see an example of Gaylidh in practice.

Gaylidh is a popular activity and will need nearly all of the space in the marquee. There will be music playing and you may hear dance instructions being given out. You may wish to bring ear defenders from home. Foam ear plugs will be available from Pride HQ. A member of staff or volunteer would be happy to give you directions.

## 5pm - 6pm Boomwhackers



During this hour we will be running a participatory music lesson using Boomwhackers. You are welcome to join in. To the left you can see an example of the type of equipment that will be used.

This is a popular activity and will need nearly all of the space in the marquee. There may be music playing and you may hear instructions being given out.

What you will hear during this hour will be unpredictable as noise levels will depend on what people choose to do whilst participating. We would expect the noise level to be quite high.

You may wish to bring ear defenders from home. Foam ear plugs will be available from Pride HQ. A member of staff or volunteer would be happy to give you directions.