

Temple Bar

Temple Bar is one of the busiest areas in Dublin City Centre. Located in the heart of Temple Bar, Project Arts Centre is a big blue building on East Essex Street.

This is an image of Project Arts Centre

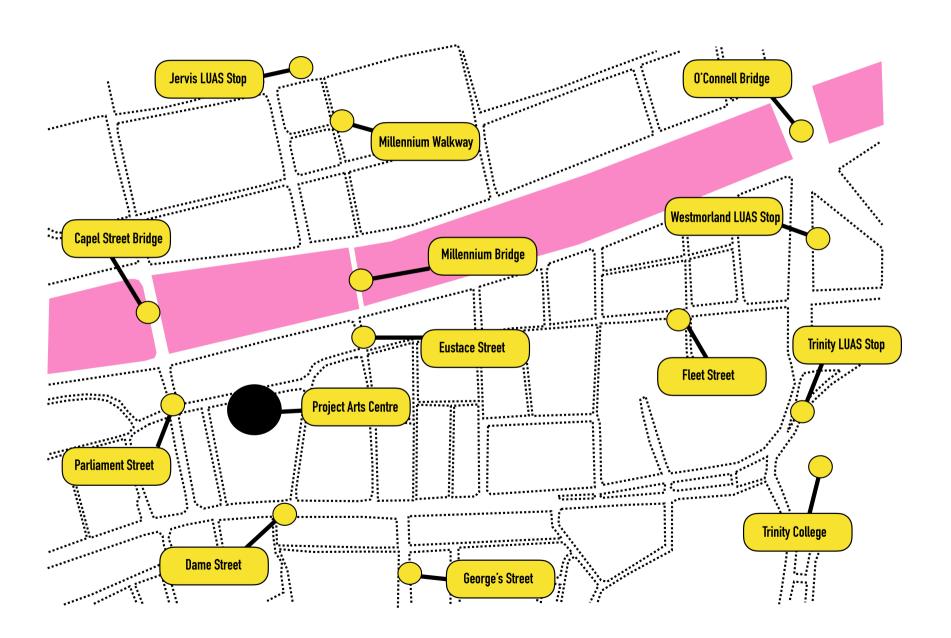




In this guide I will find:

- A map of Temple Bar and surrounding areas
- Public transport routes and parking
- Video links to virtual walks around Temple Bar
- General access notes road surface, noise level, crowds, rest stops, accessible toilets, safe spaces
- Links to other useful access documents
- Contact information for Project staff

This is a map of Temple Bar and surrounding areas. Project Arts Centre is marked by a big black dot.



Public transport

With most public transport options, I will still have a short walk to Project Arts Centre.



Taxi

If I am coming to Project Arts Centre by taxi I can be dropped at the entrance, however early in the morning (usually between 9am-11am) delivery trucks may obstruct the road. It is best to book my return journey in advance, as taxi's can be difficult to find on busy evenings.



LUAS + walk (7 - 10 minutes)

If I am coming to Project Arts Centre by LUAS, the closest Green Line stop is Westmorland street. If I am on the Red Line LUAS, the closest stop is Jervis street. The direct route from Westmorland street is not wheelchair accessible. The direct route from Jervis street is Wheelchair accessible. If I am coming on the Green line from the Northside of Dublin, the Trinity Stop is the closest.



Bus + walk (varies)

If I am coming to Project Arts Centre by bus there are lots of options for buses coming into **Dame Street**: Click here for more detailed information on stops.

There are also plenty of options that take me along **The Quays**: Click here for more information on stops.

Parking

Accessible parking bay

There is an accessible parking bay with two spaces, directly across the road from Project Arts Centre.

There are also two spaces on Castle street (5 minute walk from PAC) and five spaces on Fishamble Street (7 min walk from PAC).



Carparks near Project Arts Centre

The main carpark in Temple Bar is on Fleet Street, however new traffic restrictions can mean heavy traffic and long detours, especially if coming from the North side of the city. I have to approach Fleet Street Carpark from the South Quays only.

Jervis Street Carpark is on the North side of the Quays and is a short walk over Millennium Bridge to get to Project Arts Centre.



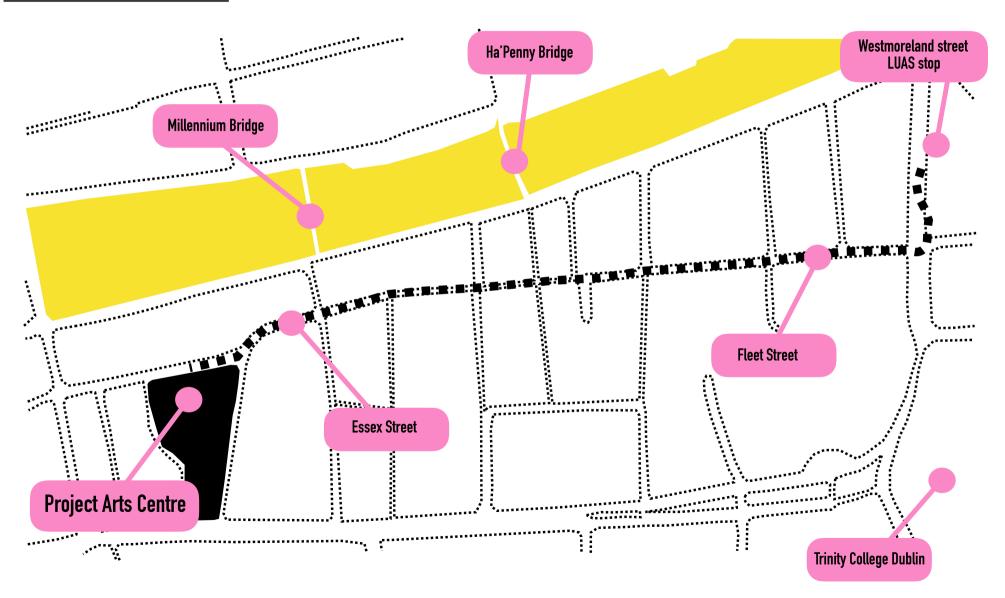
On-street parking

I can find on street parking along the quays and in side roads around the wider Temple Bar area. During busy times, these spaces may be very hard to find. I will need to use the <u>parking tag app</u> to pay for these spaces.

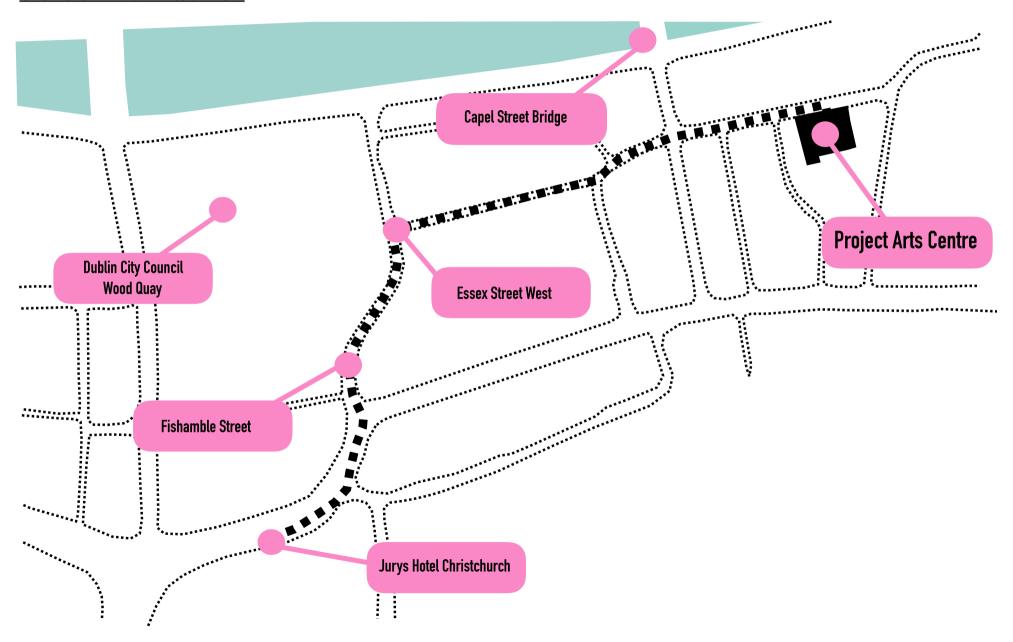


Below I can find four routes to Project Arts Centre from public transport stops. I can click the link on each map to access a virtual walk.

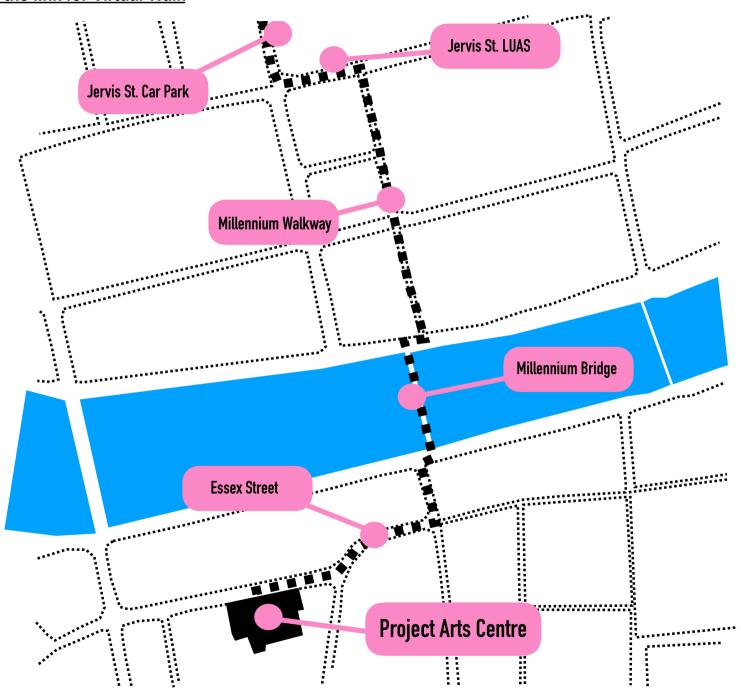
Route 1 - Westmorland Street LUAS stop to Project Arts Centre Click the link for Virtual Walk



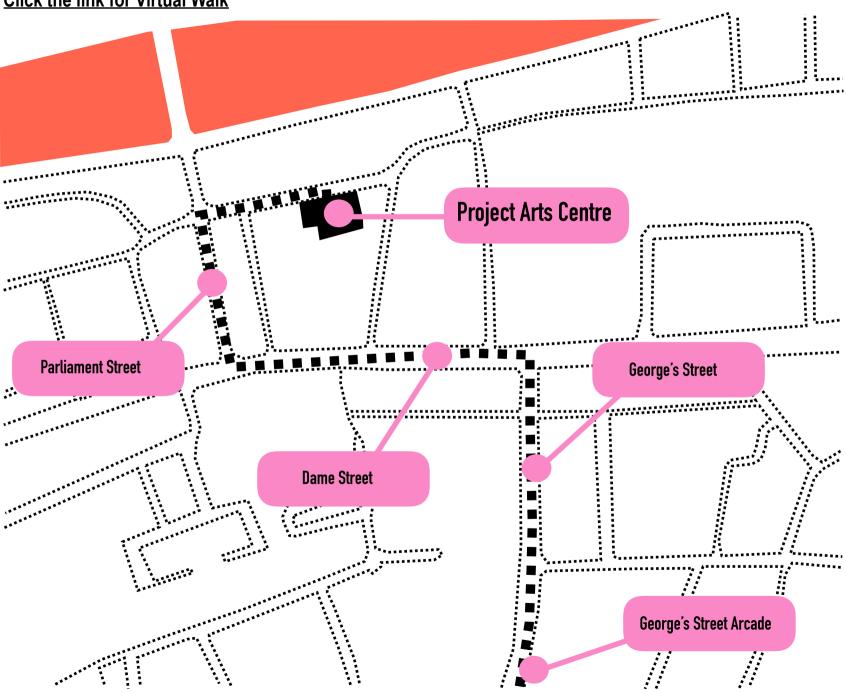
Route 2 - Jurys Hotel Christchurch Taxi rank to Project Arts Centre Click the link for Virtual Walk



Route 3 - Jervis Street Car Park to Project Arts Centre Click the link for Virtual Walk



Route 4 - Georges Street Arcade Bus Stop to Project Arts Centre Click the link for Virtual Walk



General Access Information

Road Surface

One of the main challenges I will face, when using a wheelchair or walking through Temple Bar, is poor road surfaces. The roads are mostly cobblestone and are often unevenly spaced. The pathways change frequently in terms of materials, width, levels and texture. I will also need to navigate outdoor furniture, bins, lampposts and crowds, making it harder to see changes in the road surface.





These images show the changes in road surface around Temple Bar

Noise Levels

When entering Temple Bar I will notice a big increase in noise levels. There will be crowds of tourists often with guides on loud speakers, buskers playing live music, road works, traffic, seagulls, and music spilling out of pubs and restaurants. The noise can be overwhelming.

If I have any sensory processing issues, it is a good idea to wear ear defenders or headphones when walking through the area.



Crowds

I will encounter crowds of people gathered at specific spots in Temple Bar. The large square at the centre of Temple Bar is particularly busy, as is the Temple Bar Pub, which is a popular tourist location. There will often be people blocking the pathways and the roads.

At night, these crowds will be gathered outside pubs and may not be aware of surrounding pedestrians.



Rest stops, accessible toilets and safe spaces

Because much of Temple Bar is pedestrianised, I will find lots of outdoor seating areas. If I need to rest I can sit on one of the public benches or stop at one of the cafe's.

There are several cultural centres open to the public and free of charge in Temple Bar. Buildings such as <u>The Irish Film Institute</u> and <u>Temple Bar Galleries</u> are equipped with accessible toilets on the ground floor. There are also hotels with accessible toilets and rest stops marked on the Virtual Walks available in this document.

If I have arrived early to Project, I can wait in the lower foyer or I can visit one of Project Arts Centre's friendly neighbours!



Connolly Books is right next door and is a quiet place to browse the history of the area while I am waiting.

Opens 11am - Closes 6pm Closed Sun-Mon



Indigo and Cloth is a small coffee shop with outdoor and indoor seating. It is located directly opposite Project Arts Centre.

Opens 10am - Closes 6pm



Anne's Bar is also directly opposite Project Arts Centre. It is a pub with outdoor and indoor seating. It is busy on weekends evenings.

Opens 3pm - Closes 2.30am

Useful Access Documents

I can find a social narrative for Project Arts Centre HERE

I can find a social narrative for back stage at Project Arts Centre HERE

Staff Contact Information

If I want to contact someone in Box Office I can email them on box-office@projectartscentre.ie

Or I can call someone at Box office on +353 1 881 9613

If I want to give feedback about this document or discuss further access requirements I can contact the Head of Project Potential, Cathy Coughlan at cathy@projectartscentre.ie or I can ring Box Office to request a callback from Cathy.

