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WHAT TO  
EXPECT GUIDE

A woman with dark skin, wearing a grey baseball cap and a blue long-sleeved shirt, is looking up and touching a sculpture of a deer head. The sculpture is made of various pieces of cardboard and paper, with large, expressive eyes. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

# THE HERDS

# MANCHESTER

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# WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

This guide has important information about **The Herds** including **when and where** the event will happen and information about **access provisions**.

The guide has some information about **what will happen** at the event. The event is still being made, so some things **may change**.

## What is 'The Herds'?

The Herds is a public artwork made of **huge life-size puppet animals**.

## Manchester International Festival

The event is part of Manchester International Festival (MIF).

MIF is a festival that happens every 2 years in Manchester bringing the most exciting artists on the planet to Manchester to create new work.

## WHERE WILL IT HAPPEN?



The Herds is an artwork that **moves** through different areas of the city.



This event begins in **Cathedral Gardens.**

The address is:  
**Corporation St,  
Manchester M4 3BG**

The what.three.words  
are: **again.cabin.strike**

## Getting there



For **transport information** please visit:  
<https://factoryinternational.org/whats-on/the-herds/>

## ACCESSIBILITY



**Assistance Dogs** are welcome at this event.



**Step-free and wheelchair accessible routes** will be available. If you need help finding the **shortest or most accessible route**, please ask one of our volunteers.

There will be some **seating** available at the start location, Cathedral Gardens, for access visitors.

**Our team** will be available if you need help. Our **volunteers** have **maroon t-shirts**.



One-on-one **audio description** is available for this event. This will be delivered by volunteers

The meeting point for Audio Description is on the corner of Fennel Street and Cathedral Street. The What3words are making.exist.strike.



If you have any questions about access for this event, please: **Call** our team on **0161 817 4531** (Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm) or Email [access@factoryinternational.org](mailto:access@factoryinternational.org).

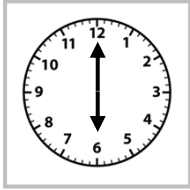
## ABOUT THE EVENT

### Tickets



You do not need a ticket for this event.  
**Just turn up!**

## What time is the event?



The event will start at **6pm**.



It will last **1 hour** and **15 minutes**.

## ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE



It will start with **musicians** playing **music**.



Then some performers with **animal puppets** will appear.

There will be **lots of different types of animals**.



The **audience** will be invited to **follow the animals** through the city. You can **choose which animals** to follow.

The animals and the musicians will travel into Exchange Square, the Arndale Centre, along Corporation Street, Market Street and New Cathedral Gardens

This event will be very busy. There will be large crowds of people



You can **take a break** whenever you like.



If you need help finding the **shortest or most accessible route**, please ask one of our volunteers.

## EVENT THEMES



**Migration** - the movement of animals from one place to another.



**Climate change** - the long-term change in the Earth's temperatures and weather.



The event is suitable for **all ages** but there may be some scenes of animal distress

For more information about the event and venue, please visit:  
**[factoryinternational.org/whats-on/the-herds/](http://factoryinternational.org/whats-on/the-herds/)**

To speak to our team, you can email us at  
**[access@factoryinternational.org](mailto:access@factoryinternational.org)** or call us on **0161 817 4531**. Our phonenumber is open Monday-Saturday, 10am–6pm.

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