



## Feast Festival: Suggestions for Creating Inclusive Events

1. Accessibility
  - Consider the accessibility of the venue you choose
    - Check whether the venue has wheelchair access and accessible toilets
    - If not, ask the venue whether they may be interested in temporary ramps (in accordance with safety requirements)
  - Auslan / Audio Description
    - Consider booking Auslan interpreters for your events, or having the option for people to contact you to request interpreting
    - Feast is sometimes able to provide interpreting or describing for shows – please let Feast know if you are interested, and we will allocate where possible
  - Lighting/smoke
    - If you have strobe lighting or smoke in your shows, please let Feast know, and include this in your promotional material. Make sure you have a printed sign outside your venue displaying that your performance/event includes this
    - Avoid strobes/smoke if not necessary!
  - Toilets (including gender neutral options)
    - Check that the venue is happy for you to stick them up on some or all cubicles (most are)
2. Inclusive language / gendering
  - Instead of “ladies and gentlemen” – try, Hello everyone
  - Try not to assume someone’s gender identity
    - use “they” or “that person” to describe audience members
3. Acknowledgement of country
  - Consider recording an acknowledgement of country, or asking the venue if they have a pre-recorded version
  - Consider having a written acknowledgement of country printed and stuck up at your performances
  - If it is relevant (e.g. a forum, or large event, consider a Welcome to Country)
4. Events with physical activity
  - We would appreciate if you could provide Feast with information about the types of physicality that your event will include (Feast will include this information in your event listing in the program or on the website)
  - Feast suggests you give participants the option to pass particular activities if they feel uncomfortable
  - Be clear about what level of physicality is required to take part in your event
  - Feast suggests you make sure your event is inclusive of various body shapes, sizes, and abilities

For further information please don't hesitate to contact the Feast office – 08 8463 0684