Accessibility Statement

Accessibility statement for Edinburgh Earth Initiative's desktop and mobile website which can be found at www.earth.ed.ac.uk

This website is run by Edinburgh Earth Initiative on behalf of The University of Edinburgh.

We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- change colours and contrast levels using a suitable browser extension
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

The contrast ratios on the website meet the current webaim accessibility standards recommendations. The site has been tested and with some outlined exceptions, meets WAVE web accessibility recommendations.

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability. https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/

How accessible this website is

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- There is some movement on the site.
- The text will not reflow in a single column when you change the size of the browser window.
- You cannot modify the line height or spacing of text.
- Some PDF documents including most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software.
- Live video streams do not have captions.
- The website features video content with autoplay enabled and without video controls. This video content does not feature audio.
- Our research explorer search form may be difficult to navigate using just a keyboard.
- Some forms may be difficult to navigate using a keyboard. For example, because some forms
 do not have form or form select labels, but are described in accompanying text and/or have
 descriptive default select options.
- You cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader.
- There's a limit to how far you can magnify the map on our 'contact us' page.

Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille:

- email earth@ed.ac.uk
- call +44 (0)131 651 7112

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 14 days.

If you cannot view the map on our 'contact us' page, call or email us [www.earth.ed.ac.uk/contact-us] for directions.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact: earth@ed.ac.uk

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint please contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) directly:

Contact details for the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/)

The government has produced information on how to report accessibility issues:

Reporting an accessibility problem on a public sector website (https://www.gov.uk/reporting-accessibility-problem-public-sector-website)

Contacting us by phone using British Sign Language

British Sign Language service

Contact SCOTLAND-BSL runs a service for British Sign Language users and all of Scotland's public bodies using video relay. This enables sign language users to contact public bodies and vice versa. The service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

contactSCOTLAND-BSL service details (https://contactscotland-bsl.org/)

Technical information about this website's accessibility

The University of Edinburgh is committed to making its websites and applications accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

The full guidelines are available at:

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA standard Compliance status (https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/)

Non-accessible content

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

The following items do not comply with the WCAG 2.1 AA success criteria:

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Disproportionate burden

We are not currently claiming that any accessibility problems would be a disproportionate burden to fix.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

At this time, we are not claiming any material is out of scope.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

We will continue to work to address these issues and deliver a solution or suitable workaround. Where issues are under our control we will work to rectify to correct issues.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 31.03.23. It was last reviewed on 31.03.23. This website was tested by an external contractor and by the WAVE automated testing tool. We tested most pages throughout the site to ensure all the features of the website received review.

We tested:

Spellcheck functionality
Scaling using different resolutions
Keyboard navigation
Warning of links opening in a new tab or window
Information conveyed in colour or sound only
Flashing or scrolling text
Tooltips and text alternatives for any non-text content