



What To Expect Guide & Venue Accessibility Information

We are so excited to welcome you to #FluxTour2023!

This guide may be useful ahead of coming to see Flux and is written for those that are neurodivergent, new to Mortal Fools' type of work, new to watching theatre, unfamiliar a Flux tour venue, or just curious ahead of the show!

Our Mortal Fools accessibility contact is Rachel Horton.

Email her via Rachel.Horton@mortalfools.org.uk to:

- Talk about a performance ahead of attending.
- Let us know any information that may make you more comfortable at a performance.
- To request a carers ticket or a wheelchair space.
- To give us accessibility feedback and recommendations.

Flux - Figuring it out and fitting in; what makes you, you?

Flux is a contemporary theatre show, devised and performed by Mortal Fools Ensemble Young Company - showcasing an original soundtrack, bold set design, and the incredible talent, insights, and lived experiences of young people.

12 unique young voices come together on stage, to explore what it means to question your identity in a world that feels determined to put you in a box. Devised and performed by the young people living through this reality right now, join them in discovering that there is freedom in the flux - and that labels are for bottles, not people.

Performance Information

- Flux is approximately **70 minutes** long.
- There is **no interval** - all Mortal Fools shows are relaxed and you can leave at any point.
- Flux is for **young people aged 11 yrs+ and socially engaged adults** that are interested in young people's issues..
- Flux is **heart-warming, hopeful, colourful, bold, empowering, funny, poignant, thought-provoking.**
- Flux contains **themes** around youth identity, gender, sexuality, society and peer pressure, the education system, stereotyping, teenage life, friendships, relationships, and making life choices.
- There are **12 members in the Flux cast**; you will see 12 people on stage aged 13 - 18years old from Northumberland.
- You can meet and see the 2023 cast via: www.mortalfools.org.uk/flux
- The set is orange, green, pink, yellow and white. *A model of the set is pictured below.*



- Flux has an **original soundtrack** and there will be music during the show to complement what's happening on stage.
- During Flux there will also be **some lighting effects** - including different lighting states, flashing lights, and a few short blackouts. **There will be no strobe lighting.**

General Tour Information

When you arrive at the venue:

- All tour **venues are accessible**, with step-free access and a small on-site car park.
- **All venues have disabled toilet facilities and an allocated gender-neutral toilet.** All toilets will be clearly sign posted.
- When you arrive at your venue, enter via the marked entrance and approach our Box Office welcome table - a member of Mortal Fools team will be there to greet you.
- At our box office, we will have a printed list of all ticket holders and will tick your name off the list and tell you what to do next and where to go.
- **Seating is unreserved** unless you are a wheelchair user or have made a seating request to enable attendance or need sight of BSL interpretation at that particular performance.
- Team Mortal Fools will **open the performance space 15 minutes before start time** - this is an opportunity for you to find a seat, get comfortable and look at the staging.

During Flux:

- You can bring drinks and snacks into the space to enjoy during the show.
- During the show you can stim, react, fidget and express yourself in a way that makes you feel comfortable and able to concentrate on the show.

When the show ends:

- The show will finish after 70 minutes and there will be a brief blackout and the cast will gather on stage and bow. The audience are invited to clap and vocalise.
- When you are ready you can exit the performance space.
- **The audience will be invited to share what they thought of the show - you can do this in three ways:**
 1. At the venue, after the performance. Tell a Mortal Fools member of staff and/or fill in our evaluation forms.
 2. For those that may prefer some time to reflect - after the show, you will receive a post-show email and a link to a short evaluation survey.
 3. You can let us know what you thought on your preferred social media platform by using the hashtag **#FluxTour2023**

Venue Specific Information

Flux – YMCA Northumberland



Picture shows the venue entrance of YMCA Northumberland- a blue building in an Ashington urban area

Date & Time: 1 April, 2pm & 6pm

Venue: YMCA Northumberland, North View, Ashington NE63 9XQ

BSL: 6pm performance has live BSL interpretation from Caroline Ryan

Facilities: Accessible toilets, Gender neutral toilet, quiet spaces and a baby changing station

Venue Website: www.ymcanorthumberland.org.uk

About YMCA Northumberland: www.ymcanorthumberland.org.uk/about-us

Finding/Travelling to YMCA Northumberland: bit.ly/3SMSzfc

Venue accessibility contact: Elinor@mortalfools.org.uk

Venue Specific Information

Flux – Burnley Youth Theatre



Picture shows the venue entrance of Burnley Youth Theatre- a wooden building nestled in woodland

Date & Time: 4 April, 7pm

Venue: Burnley Youth Theatre, Queens Park Road, Burnley, BB10 3LB

Facilities: Accessible toilets, Gender neutral toilet, a baby changing station, quiet spaces, induction loops and part of the welcome desk is lower level for easy access to wheelchair users

Venue Website: burnleyyouththeatre.org

About Burnley Youth Theatre: burnleyyouththeatre.org/about-us/

Finding/Travelling to Burnley Youth Theatre: burnleyyouththeatre.org/your-visit/

Venue accessibility contact: info@burnleyyouththeatre.org

Venue Specific Information

Flux – Theatre Porto



Picture shows the outside and venue entrance of Theatre Porto - a brick building with a maroon extension on a sunny day

Date & Time:
5 April, 7pm

Venue:
Theatre Porto (formerly Action Transport Theatre), Ellesmere Port, Whitby Park, CH65 6QY

Facilities:
Accessible toilets, Gender neutral toilet, a baby changing station, quiet spaces and a platform lift to the first floor for those with mobility challenges

Neurodivergent resource:
To support visitors who are neurodivergent or would benefit from a visual resource, you can download their social story

theatreporto.org/access/socialstory/

Venue Website:
theatreporto.org/

About Theatre Porto:
theatreporto.org/about-theatre-porto/

Finding/Travelling to Theatre Porto:
theatreporto.org/contact-us/

Venue accessibility contact:
info@TheatrePorto.org

About Mortal Fools

Mortal Fools are an award-winning theatre, drama, and creative learning charity, based in Northumberland.

We work with children and young people aged 7-25, delivering a variety of activities and projects throughout the year. Our sessions take place in various settings, including school and educational settings, out-of-school groups and youth work settings, and community events like Northumberland Pride.

We co-create dynamic, socially relevant, and high-quality performance-based work and creative projects equitably with children, young people, communities and professional practitioners.

Keep in touch and support Mortal Fools work:

- [Join our mailing list](#) to keep up to date with all things Mortal Fools and to attend future events and performances.
- Follow and engage with our content on social media - we are [@mortalfoolsuk](#) across all channels.
- [Subscribe to our YouTube Channel](#)
- [Donate](#) - as a charity working with and supporting children and young people using drama to support their wellbeing and to make sense of growing up and exploring the contemporary world.
- Reach out to us to chat or to arrange a meeting via: info@mortalfools.org.uk



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Mortal Fools Digital Content

We have lots of Digital content you can experience, access and enjoy at home / in your setting before or after watching Flux:

[Watch My People](#)

Four bitter-sweet, poignant film shorts from Mortal Fools' Ensemble Young Company, following a group of young people navigating the reality of friendship in the modern world. What if growing up means growing apart?

[Download Mortal Fools Wellbeing Support for young people and the Mortal Fools Community](#)

A resource signposting to a wide variety of mental health and wellbeing support organisations, inspirational influencers and courageous and colourful content creators.

[Watch Let Us Tell You](#)

A coming together of young people's powerful voices in two inspirational and uplifting films; an invitation to step inside their thought provoking and sometimes imaginary worlds.

[Listen and immerse yourself in When The World Is Loud](#)

An audio theatre experience to help you drown out the noise of the modern world.

[Watch Mortal Fools YouTube Content](#)

We have LOTS of delicious creative digital content that folks can watch at home.